

What it specifically answers is all of the questions that have been raised here this morning and it seems to me that it is time for us to recognize that when a state institution does a wrong the state has a responsibility. We have the responsibility of supervising those institutions as members of this Legislature and from all that I can gather and I have only come into this situation, as you all you know, this year. But I have listened very carefully before I made up my mind on which side of the issue I would be on this particular case and I can say to you honestly that I believe the state really did do a great deal of damage to this individual, that he has a right to this claim, that he has followed the procedure that he was told to follow and for us to come now and say, hey, you went the wrong route, when the Claim Board twice has said that this is a legitimate claim, it appears to me that we are really in the wrong ballpark. And what I would ask you to do is to read carefully this item that I am passing out to you concerning what has happened to Joe Soukup.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, we have hashed this issue so much and I really hate to take additional legislative time so I have tried to summarize answers to every argument in the handout I have given you. I never complained, nor did anybody else that was really into this case, complained about the shock treatment or anything else. What we said was that there were certain illegal acts committed, things that should not have been done, that everybody freely acknowledges and that some of these things caused some damage. One of the things was they did not release him as he should have been released, acknowledged by the institution, it was an error, whatever, they acknowledged that. There is no denying that. They kept him in there basically locked up for a number of years. Another thing was certain medical treatment he should have gotten to make him have the right kind of feet or the wrong kind of feet or something, he did not get and he ended up with the wrong kind of feet. As I say, I am not going into all of this. I think you are familiar with it but let me tell you some of the things that we did resolve as a result of this one little case. We learned, and these have been stopped without additional legislation, without a lot of things, things that have saved this state maybe millions in the future, massive drug experiments provided, I mean, with drugs provided by drug companies, Eli Lilly, so on and so forth, to doctors and the doctors paid to use the drugs on patients so that they could get testing for drugs without the patient ever knowing. In return for this the institution got all kinds of free drugs that they were, therefore, able to bypass the Legislature, not a good process. We got that stopped. You can read the