

In the history of this problem, maybe a suit should have been launched against the principal parties that afflicted him but I would like to advise you that those principal parties, the major ones that inflicted this harm on this individual have deceased. There is no case. The question was raised about shock treatment being normal fare during the 1950s and '60s. Well that may be so but the question that has not been addressed is whether this individual was deserving of shock treatment. Was he mentally ill? Was he of deviant behavior? I don't think that any of those questions could be answered in the positive. When it comes to LSD used in experimental fashion on individuals there is no precedent established as that being normal fare for the treatment of the state's citizens in its institutions. The issue is proper care, not the fact that the state just cared for him but they did so in a proper fashion. In the Joe Soukup case we cannot hold the state harmless on this issue. To do so is to endorse the same type of behavior that have been experienced by several citizens in our institutions. To address it right now, straightforward, is to admit that wrong has been done. The state recognizes it and recognizes the fact that this is the only remedy that we have left to address the situation. I would sincerely oppose the Vickers motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members, I think something that has not been brought out in previous discussion that John Thompson who is the legal counsel for the Claims Board told the committee that there could still be a chance that this man could go to court if he could prove that he was incompetent and could not realize that there was a time period of two years that he would have to file this claim. That is on the state level. Then in federal court he would have three years that would be the time that he would have to file this and so all is not lost. If he wishes he could still try to go that avenue and then if he failed he could still come back to the Claims Board. I think this is the case that we might have thousands of cases in the future. I had a hard time to go along with the \$30,000 and now where it has been expanded, I just can not go along with it so I hope that the members of the body turn this claim down at this time. I will let Senator Vickers close on this issue when the time comes.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I really hope that we will not do what is being attempted