

by this amendment. Mr. Soukup has been in the halls of the Legislature for what seems to me an interminable period of time. I don't know when he actually first started coming through but if you have ever talked to him you can see what the experiences that he suffered can do to a person. He impressed me despite his size as being very childlike, very trusting, believing that the Legislature, his final hope, is going to do justice by him. As a matter of fact, I was on a call-in radio program in Hastings the first part of this week or Friday I think it was and he called to talk to me and he said he felt like he was one of the family. Do you know who he was referring to when he used the term "family?" He was referring to this Legislature. How decent they had finally decided to conduct themselves toward him. He said that he may not ever come to the Legislature or see any of us face to face again but he hoped that we would still consider him to be a member of the family. Now for somebody to use a word like family and to open his heart in that fashion on the radio before the entire community who may have been listening, expresses not only a certain degree of naivete, but an almost childlike innocence and if this man, in fact, still looks at the world through the eyes of a child, the state does have a responsibility and we should not do as some cruel parents will do which is to take an object which is pretty and attractive and let the child be drawn to it and really it is a container of acid and when their child takes the container and begins to deal with it in the way a child could be expected to deal with it, the acid spills on the child and we consider that to be a joke. This is a human being who was practically destroyed by the state. When the state commits a wrong it should provide a remedy. There was a black man named Thornwell who was a member of the United States army and for some reason which has not been disclosed to this day, experiments with LSD and torture of various psychological types were practiced on him. Fortunately he had "60 Minutes" who would present his case to the entire country and because of the publicity, rather than any motives of compassion, Congress voted to give him several hundreds of thousands of dollars which could not nearly compensate him for what he had suffered but it was a way for the country to acknowledge wrong and buy a measure of public relief. This, Senator Maresh, I think is not an issue that ought to be determined by the amount of money but on the basis of the principle that we are dealing with. Here is an individual who was wronged, not a criminal being punished but an individual who was unfortunate enough to have wound up in the State of Nebraska, a state whose Constitution and laws are designed to protect and take care of its citizens. This state, it put in practice, programs that destroyed this man practically. It allowed