

not Senator Schmit but I know that he is strong on the reparation bill and I feel that what we are doing we are taking some individuals out of it and I feel that we just cannot do that. In the part 5 of Section 23, it has got a lot of ambiguity in it and I feel that I need to ask Senator Warner some questions here.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, would you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR SIECK: Will more or less people be eligible for the victim's compensation with this amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: With the amendment?

SENATOR SIECK: The amendment is part 5 in Section 23, to delete it, and of course, it has a few other deletions in that.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Senator Sieck, the purpose of the amendment is to have some relation of need in terms of ability to pay for crime...for reimbursement because you have been the victim of crime, and so I assume to some extent it would reduce the potential based upon most of the payments that have been made to date. I don't know that anyone would not have been paid. At least the cases that have cited to usually were related to their ability to pay even though the law didn't specifically say that. The purpose of the amendment is comparable to what Kansas uses. The purpose was to try to put a cap on it for in the future.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, has there been any abuse of this particular division where wealthy have taken the money where they were a victim and the Reparation Board had given that to them instead of people that really actually needed it, has there been abuse in this area?

SENATOR WARNER: I am not aware of abuse, Senator Sieck. I am aware that they do not approve of a fairly sizeable number of the requests that they have.

SENATOR SIECK: According to the report that I have got, they have got 17 claims were denied by the board and 5 were for financial reasons. So as far as I am concerned, the Reparation Board is doing a good job and what we could do, we are telling our society that now we will give...we won't let the criminal who victimized someone, if he is wealthy, he is going to have to stand it, and I feel that is wrong.