

think this is a fine line, a difficult line and we hope that it doesn't happen very often. I think the vast majority, overwhelming majority of state employees do their job well, do an outstanding job; I think deserve the sort of protection this bill is intended to give. But, at the same time, for those handful of instances over the years, just a few that I can think of where it seems as though our employees did not carry out their functions and responsibilities appropriately, I still want to make...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...sure that they understand that they have got a responsibility to be fair and reasonable in carrying out their job. I see also under the bill, under a summary that this Legislature, if there is a claim of over \$10,000 or if the claims board disapproves the claim, or if the agency doesn't have the money to pay the claim, that the Legislature would have a chance to review those claims. So, again, I'm a bit concerned about how much role the Legislature will have in the future under this, how much we won't have under the changes here and will we have an oversight function to make sure that the things happen in this area that we would like to see happen. These are just some questions I would raise for Senator Warner for the record to address. I think probably the bill is okay but I have these concerns and I wanted to share them with you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers is next but may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Carson Rogers first. We have 11 students, K through 6, from Cotesfield, Nebraska and their teacher. They are in the north balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to start by asking Senator Warner a question. And, Senator Warner, the question will be about language on page 7 which is existing law, but I have to ask it in view of the fact that we are expanding the scope of the existing law. I will read the provisions from lines 7 through 13 that I'm concerned about. "If a state official or employee has been defended by the Attorney General and it is established by the judgment ultimately rendered on the claim that the act or omission complained of was not covered by Section 81-8,239.05, the judgment against that person shall provide for payment to the