

SENATOR WARNER: Beyond the review of the Attorney General.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. That's all the questions I have right now because my time will run. We have had some claims from corrections this session in the Business and Labor Committee. The Corrections Department conducts one of those internal investigations where an inmate alleges having been wronged. The Corrections Department finds no wrong on the part of the institution or the inmate. The Attorney General investigates, finds no wrong on the part of the institution or the individual employee. It goes to federal court and the court rules for the employee. The Corrections Department and these employees are very unconcerned about the rights of inmates and they commit violations of the law in depriving these inmates of their rights. And we had one case and it troubles me that the Business and Labor Committee approved the claim anyway...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where a member of the Attorney General's staff lost the case. The Legislature decided not to indemnify the losing employees because of the nature of their misconduct. She came back to the committee, on the advice of the Attorney General's office, because they were embarrassed at having lost the case, and she flushed a great deal when I was questioning her as to why she is continuing to represent these people when they lost the case in court, they lost the matter on the floor of the Legislature last year. Then they bring it back another year at the instigation of the Attorney General's office who had told the people who had won the case that they were not going to hold to the settlement they made originally because the Legislature would not indemnify these individuals who were found by Judge Urbom to have engaged in conduct that was very, very bad. So the Attorney General's office reneged on a settlement they had agreed to, made the people who won the settlement reduce the amount they accepted so these employees would have less that they had to pay this individual, then the Business and Labor Committee approved of that claim.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think the...

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senator