

to the State Claims Board as to how they would proceed in cases such as this that might arise in the future. The State Claims Board has a narrow area of opportunity in which to make decisions based upon their particular guidelines that have been developed from policy decisions made on the floor of this Legislature as to whether or not they can, in fact, allow claims. While this claim is fairly small, there is always a possibility when we change policy that rather significant, generally unsubstantiated claims as to the worth of a piece of personal property that may be damaged, destroyed or stolen by a foster child might come to this body in the future and the State Claims Board, because of our establishment of this policy, would be very nearly required to approve those types of claims. So, again, rather than think about this in the terms of the money, we probably should think about it in terms of the policy that we are establishing this morning on the floor of the Legislature. So, with that, I think that the best interest of the state would be served if the amendment to the amendment was not adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, just very briefly, Mr. President. I guess I would concur in a little bit of what Senator Coordsen said and that is that we're trying to present this to the Legislature so that the Legislature will adopt that policy. The Claims Board will abide by what...what this body says will be the state's policy. That's the whole reason for bringing the amendment out to the floor, is to allow this body to make that decision. I think you've heard the equities on both sides. From my viewpoint, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Lindsay. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: All right. Question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.