PRESIDENT: Thank you.   Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR   CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman   and   members   of   the
Legislature...I'm trying to tailgate on Senator Coordsen.   For
him, for the talk he gave it was about like what I just gave you
for   me.   I   have   never   seen   him so exercised and it's good
because his juices are flowing this morning and I'm sure it will
put him in good stead for some of the very   heavy   issues   we're
going   to deal with shortly and perhaps I awakened some of those
who were in the state of suspended animation.   But I would   like
to ask Senator Coordsen a question or two.   Senator Coordsen, if
you can recover your composure because, generally, I don't blast
off   like   that,   I   kind   of work up to it.   You had started by
saying we cannot do what my amendment   did   which   was   to   deny
these   claims.   Why do you say we cannot do that?   Since we did
it last year and there was nothing from the   Attorney   General's
office   in   the   form   of   a directive to the Legislature or any
court saying that we could not do that, so why are...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you now saying we can't do it this year?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Excuse me.   Senator   Chambers,   I   would
imagine,   and   this   is speculation on my part, is because there
was no contest, no question raised last year.   It's no different
than any   other   deviation   from   whatever   our   statutes   might
provide in any area.

SENATOR   CHAMBERS: How is the question different this year when
we denied the claim...the claims than it was last year   when   we
denied the same claims?   How is the question different?

SENATOR   COORDSEN: The question is different in one respect, as
I understand it, and that is that it was   a   claim   against   the
state   and   these   people   at that time.   This year, there is a
claim made by the employees to be rightfully compensated for the
cost of our action last year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Coordsen, what in the law prevents us
from denying these claims?

SENATOR COORDSEN: According to the information I have, it's   in
81-8239.05,   the   state   shall   indemnify   its   officials   and