

available at the time the bill was introduced by the Governor, but it does add an appropriation to the State Claims Board to meet two different things. One is to meet the state employee indemnification claims process which reflects cases that were filed against state employees that can...that the indemnification claim pays the plaintiff legal expenses when the state employee has been charged to pay those. This reflects legislation, again, that we enacted last session that many of you may recall and it also provides funds for several workmen comp claims that could be settled with a lump sum payment and these were all presented to the committee with the basis for those settlements although we did not deal with them on an individual basis because some of them were still under negotiations and...but we dealt with with the total number and the general nature of the type of claim. That would complete the agencies I would give a brief explanation to, Mr. President, and would ask Senator Johnson to cover those agencies that he has assigned.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. As announced, we'll proceed to the second section under discussion. Senator Lowell Johnson, please.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, continuing on the LB 1031 in the committee amendments, under Agency 04, the Governor's Policy Research and Energy Office, the Appropriations Committee is recommending that the unexpended balance Cash Fund existing on June 30, 1989, in the School Weatherization Cash Fund be reappropriated. The funds reappropriated in excess of \$64,650 are to be expended only for state aid. The Energy Office recently completed a school weatherization report mandated by LB 727 and DAS allowed an encumbrance in June of 1989 intended to partially pay for this project. This reappropriation, therefore, would allow the Energy Office to pay the \$64,650 cost of the study, since this cost cannot be absorbed in the current administrative budget. It is included in the Governor's recommendations. Agency 21, the Fire Marshal, the committee appropriated \$100,000 to the Emergency Fire Fighting Fund. This fund is to be used by the State Fire Marshal to assist in controlling and extinguishing wildland fires. The appropriation is to replenish the fund for future events. The funds will not be used to reimburse any costs associated with the fire last summer at Fort Robinson. Agency 29, Water Resources, Section 23 of the bill would increase the Department of Water Resources budget by \$16,031 in