

\$100,000 was distributed as per that formula. So we have a situation where two counties received a distribution of funds under the old formula, one county under the new formula. The claim is that there were people, or entities, not people, but the political entities who should have received money and would have received money had the new formula been used, that did not, under the actual distribution plan under the old formula. I have to oppose Senator Morrissey's amendment. What will happen is that \$300,000 has already been distributed. Some of those entities in Nemaha and Boyd County who received funding under the old formula would not be eligible I would hope for new claims under the 761 distribution formula, but others who would, did not receive any money would, in fact, get additional money so this would make the amount expended, rather than the \$300,000 that was originally authorized, a total that approaches \$400,000. So I think that while there is a great deal of disagreement on what the proper procedures were done, the Department of Environmental Control followed what they believed to be the correct path at the time of making the actual distributions and that this claim, the Claims Board should be upheld and this claim should be denied. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Since we are about to adjourn for the Former Legislators program here, I would recognize Senator Rod Johnson for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. I asked for this point of personal privilege to correct the situation that came up yesterday. Yesterday just before we completed work, I offered a motion to cancel a confirmation hearing for Mr. Bill Hoppner. In my comments about the reasons that we needed the need to cancel the confirmation hearing, I was very flippant in my remarks about the reasons that were given to me which I thought were not correct. We were told that the confirmation hearing was needed to be cancelled because of health reasons of Mr. Hoppner. I had heard earlier in the day that there was a reason Mr. Hoppner was not going to accept the commissioner's position, but it was not because of health reasons, but it goes to show you not to listen to rumors. In any case, I wanted to stand on the floor today and to apologize to Mr. Hoppner and his family and the Governor's Office for my lack of good sense, I guess, in not recognizing as we later found out that Mr. Hoppner does have colon cancer and there was