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Chambers, I don't remember enough of my torts law to know but I do remember that there was a remedy called for "malicious prosecution" and if Senator Chambers knows more about the tort remedy for malicious prosecution, perhaps he would be willing to give us a lecture on that, but I do think that there have been in the past anyway, remedies that have been created by the courts themselves to prevent abuse of the judicial and legal system.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Thank you, Mr. President, and again, just a point to finish what my discussion with Senator Moore and Senator Elmer previously. In speaking with the fiscal staff and with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, it is clear just so the body understands the money aspect of how we do the things now, we are currently not nor have we apparently budgeted any particular amount for that which is later decided by court that the State of Nebraska owes. What happens is that the courts will mandate that we pay and we come up with the deficit appropriation or we go through the Claims Board, but either way then, no matter what the Legislature has done on our balance sheet, we'd have to come up with additional sums of money. In speaking with the fiscal staff and the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee it is rapidly becoming to the point that it needs to be a budgeted item and it may have to be that we're going to budget about \$700,000 for the biennium next...for the next biennium in order to cover claims that the State of Nebraska is having to pay as we lose claims right and left for good or bad reasons. I only say this to the point that I think members need to understand that no matter whether this is a good bill or a bad bill, one of the things that we need to think about is when we get into unknown costs, if we are going to have to put in an amount at some particular time, we need to have somewhat of an idea of what the costs are going to be. If you make the decision that we don't care what the costs are, that this bill is such a good bill that we're willing to do it no matter what it is and we'll cut elsewhere or we'll increase revenues elsewhere to make up for that, that is fine. That's a good then policy choice for the body to make. If, for example, you say I don't know if we want to cut anymore in other areas or I don't know if I want to increase revenue, I want to have a little bit more of an idea of how much we're talking about even if it's in a ballpark figure or range of figures, then I advise