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SENATOR WESELY: ...and which court ordered this amount of money, the 355,000 in legal fees?

SENATOR MOORE: The U.S. Supreme Court ordered it. It was Dennis vs. Evans. It was interstate common carrier case on registration of interstate common carriers, was the subject of the case.

SENATOR WESELY: So it was the U.S. Supreme Court?

SENATOR MOORE: It was the U.S. Supreme Court, yes, the big court.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, so that doesn't leave us a whole lot of options. But the 300...you know, when we spend 355,000 out here, we could spend...we spent on the Athletic Commissioner 28,000 quite a bit of time, and I just have to at least ask a few questions about 355,000 in legal fees. We have had other cases like this, and it has always been disconcerting to lose a case and have not only the expenses involved, but then the legal fees come through which are exorbitant. But if it has been decreed, I guess it has been decreed, but Senator Rasmussen came up with an idea on how we could take care of the previous problem of teachers salaries. If we could just get a court order, then we could take care of that problem pretty fast it looks like. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. The whole purpose, I think, in looking at these claims is so that perhaps we can avoid having these kinds of claims in the future, and I think Senator Wesely has a valid point. You know, what happened that we can avoid to being in court and paying those attorney fees in the first place. And also on some of these others, I am still curious as to why we are writing some of these things off, and how we can avoid these kind of claims in the future. Senator Coordsen, again, I would like to ask you, let's look at the one that is 601,000 made by the Department of Public Institutions, Request 92-120. What was the story there?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, it says 601,000 from DPI requesting write off outstanding patient accounts for the period of July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1991.