

deny, the amount of the medical bill was \$808.70. The committee felt that since the damage to the arm took place on while the child was in state custody that we should pay. So the committee recommended the amount of \$808.70. The final committee amendment came to us from the Nebraska Press Association. This particular proposal did not go through the State Claims Board, but rather because of the process that...well, there are a number of different reasons. I'll give you a little background on it. Every year the state incurs so much cost in the form of printing of constitutional amendments and other initiatives that are placed on the ballot and every year we make payments to the Nebraska Press Association who prints sample ballots throughout our state newspapers throughout the state. This year there was advertising that took place as a result of the November 8, 1994 election involving initiative measure 408 that was voted on by the people on November 8. This claim, due to the transition from testimony...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...from testimony that we received from at the time of the hearing, the claim was due .the problems that occurred were as a result of the transition that took place in the Secretary of State's Office. The bill was not submitted as it normally is to the State Claims Board and it was not submitted until January of this year. And normally the process is that it is submitted in November or soon thereafter the election takes place so there was a two-month period that usually the bill is submitted. Because of the transition in the Secretary of State's Office, this bill was not submitted so this issue was not taken up before the State Claims Board. So they essentially, the Press Association, bypassed the claims and went directly to the committee and requested payment be made in the amount of \$140,506.45 and the committee,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...after hearing the testimony, chose to include this as a part of the committee amendment. I'll be happy to answer any questions about these claims.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Coordsen, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to