

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Abboud, would you like to open on 887?

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President, colleagues, this claims bill before the amendments, it's been boosted up a little bit higher now as a result of the amendments, but the...I'll run through the portion of it but it totals in the neighborhood of approximately a million dollars, \$980,000 plus the additional amount that we've added as a result of the committee amendments. In the...you can follow along here in the handout that we presented to the Legislature on the committee statement on the statement behind the committee statement or the page behind the committee statement provides for more of a detailed explanation as to what each one of the claims are for. There was a claim that was approved, all of these claims were approved by the State Claims Board, and the first one was the City of Wayne for a city special assessment for paving in the amount of \$34,000 approximately. The Hastings Regional Center had a claim in an error on a patient's account for \$132. There was a gunshot case by a mental patient and a payment in the amount of \$126,000 for Richard and Karen Morrow. A workers comp claim that was approved by the court in the amount of \$88,000 by Leo Deprez, and then below that are the agency write-offs which total approximately \$731,000. Now the write-offs are in the form of bad debts; it can be just a miscellaneous bundle of different claims that the agency has written off or feels is uncollectible and, as a result, the state is writing them off in the form of a state claims bill. So the actual payments are more, are on the right-hand side where it lists the first four claims. The explanation of the different claims are presented in the form of the docket sheets which follow. This is what the committee initially looked at in determining whether or not the claim should be paid. The committee heard testimony, as well, to support the claims that were made a part of this bill. The process that LB 887 goes through is that there is an initial claim made to the State of Nebraska and it may be as the result of an individual coming forward and saying I feel that the state is responsible for what has happened to me in the case of this gunshot case or it may be in the form of a lawsuit that's been filed against the State of Nebraska and, as a result of a judgment against the State of Nebraska, the claim goes before the State Claims Board and they review it and then pass it to