

the Nebraska Legislature for our authorization for payment. I'll be happy to answer any questions about the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Discussion on LB 887, Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, if Senator Abboud would yield to a couple of questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes, I yield.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If I understand the docket sheet right, Senator, on the Knisely claim of \$130,289, did anyone that reviewed this particular claim recommend that the amount be approved?

SENATOR ABBOUD: The Knisely claim that you're referring to was not a part of LB 887, but was part of the committee amendments, so the State Claims Board did not approve payment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So the State Claims Board...I didn't hear you, Senator, I'm sorry. The State Claims Board did not act on it or did not make a recommendation?

SENATOR ABBOUD: No, they acted on it and they recommended disapproval.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Was there, in the committee discussion, an overriding factor as to why that recommendation would not be followed?

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well, we had a discussion about it, yes. If I could paraphrase what the rationale was, was that the individual had paid the money to the State of Nebraska for taxes that he did not have to pay. It was an overpayment on the part of the individual so we felt that the state was unjustly enriched and reimbursed that individual that amount. That's basically what the reason was for it. Now, as I said earlier also, the individual was repaid by an insurance company for the overpayment. So this money will be eventually going back to that insurance company that paid for the, if you want to call it, malpractice or errors and omissions that occurred as a result of the accountant's mistake.