

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And I appreciate that clarification because I thought that's what you indicated that the taxpayers themselves have recovered and so, in essence, then we have an insurance company that would be reimbursed for a claim that they paid on behalf of a policy that was written for the accountant. Thank you. Were there also...it appears there were a couple of other claims that the recommendations were to not grant the request and the committee decided to go ahead and...go ahead and recommend to the full body that they be taken care of. Was the vote taken on the entire package, or were there individual votes taken on the various claims?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, the committee amendments that we just adopted were, I believe there were five different portions of the committee amendments were originally, or at least four of those were originally rejected by the State Claims Board and were a part of another bill, LB 886, which provided for the disapproval of certain claims against the State of Nebraska. The committee heard both of those bills together and killed the bill, LB 886, that provided for disapproval of claims and took the portions out of that that we felt should be approved and that is in the form of the committee amendment that we just adopted on the 887.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: So that's the process that took place but except for the last one that I described on the...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...the Nebraska Press Association that was billed later by the state and would have been...I...from what we understood, it was approved by the State Claims Board in a January meeting, but because it was too late, because it dealt with a bill that was approved in '95 versus '94, it could not be made a part of the original bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In the situation of the Morrow claim, it appears that that was settled in Douglas County Court. Did the court find against the state in that case?

SENATOR ABOUD: I can...if you can give me just a moment, I can give you the answer on that.