

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud to open on the amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President, members, this is an addition to the state claims bill. It's a workers' compensation claim. It was not made a part of the original bill as well as amendments to the bill because the claim had just been settled by the State Claims Board, or approved by them, I suppose I would say a couple months ago. But it worked its way through the system to the point where if these individuals...if we don't...if it's not made a part of this year's bill, that individual will not receive the \$82,500 until next year. So it's been the policy in the past to include these types of claims, if the claim bill is still available, to take care of this individual that is going to be receiving compensation from the state. This particular amount is to a Norfolk gentleman, a Robert Reed. As I stated, the claim was approved by the State Workers' Compensation Court. The claim has been approved by the State Claims Board, and I would urge the addition of this additional amount of money onto the state claims bill. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Abboud, yield to just one quick question for me?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, the names in the amendment are the attorneys involved and not the claimant?

SENATOR ABOUD: I don't believe so. Okay, we're on the wrong amendment. I apologize, Senator Maurstad. There were two workers' compensation. This one was for \$72,970 to Daniel Harrington and Charles Rogers. These two are from Columbus. So I apologize.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So the...

SENATOR ABOUD: These are the claimants though.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. These are the claimants involved? The