

driven by the claimant's son. Even though the state ward was clearly liable, the insurance carrier for the third party denied recovery, claiming it was a deliberate act. Mr. Benson convinced the committee that the claim should be paid by the state since the damage to his automobile was done by a state ward. And the final part of the committee amendment was a technical change. It was an erroneous reference to the district court, and it should have been the Court of Appeals. I'll be happy to answer any questions in regard to the committee amendment. You have in front of you two sheets, packets that have been handed out by the committee, one involves the claims against the state, the committee amendment, and there's a second one that deals with claims against the state which will be a part of the claims that are in 1391, which we'll be considering after the committee amendments. I'll be happy to answer any questions. As I said, I will be offering an amendment after this that will deal with the...taking out the claim involving Kathryn Hansen, after this...after this discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Any other...is there any questions on the opening by Senator Abboud? Seeing no lights, Senator Abboud, you want to close?

SENATOR ABOUD: I think we have an amendment to...

SENATOR HARTNETT: You want to take that up right now, the amendment to the amendment?

CLERK: Is that what you want to do? I got the impression....

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I want to take it up to the...

CLERK: Okay. Senator Abboud would move to amend the committee amendments with AM4041. (Amendment may be found on page 1474 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR ABOUD: This amendment, as I stated earlier, was the claim involving Kathryn Hansen. I'll give you a little background on it. Kathryn Hansen appeared with her attorney before the committee. There was no opposition to her claim in the amount of \$785.98. So the committee took her testimony, basically, as gospel. The State Risk Manager, as well as the Attorney General, did not dispute any of her testimony, as well as there was no testimony from the NAPE representative or any