

claim for Andrew Benson. I would urge the membership to adopt the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Is there any further discussion? Senator Abboud, don't see any lights, would you like to close? Waives closing. Vote on the committee amendments to LB 1391. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Committee amendments are adopted. We'll open on the bill, LB 1391. Senator Abboud, recognized to open.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President. There are basically four major claims that are part of the claims bill, and in addition we have the annual agency write-offs that are part of the state claims bill. You can follow along with the...I handed out a copy of the docket sheets for the claims that the committee included into our state claims bill, and that's, as I said, a part of this packet. I'll run through the claims that are a part of LB 1391. The first is a claim by Bell Communications Research in the amount of \$112,141.83. Bell Communications was issued a refund warrant, which is a check, on January 4, 1994, in the above amount. It was never cashed and it was apparently lost by Bell Communication Research. After a one-year statute of limitation, which applies to the state warrants, Bell made demand for the payment. Although the claim was due and owing, a state warrant could not be issued, so Bell filed a claim which was approved by the State Claims Board. As I stated earlier, all of these claims went through the process in which a claimant filed a request before the Risk Manager, the Risk Manager took it before the State Claims Board, and the State Claims Board chose to authorize the payments. And now we're having to consider them and they need legislative approval. So that's the purpose of this bill. The second claim is for Bonnie Nichols, in the amount of \$2,808.28. Nichols was a foster care mother for a ward of the state under custody of the Department of Juvenile Services. The ward stole her car, damaged it severely. Unfortunately, Nichols had allowed her vehicle insurance to expire. Her claim was allowed by the State Claims Board for the damage to her automobile. Third claim is involving Jose Carbon, in the amount of \$11,649.26. Carbon settled a grievance with the Department of Public Institutions for this amount. This also comes out of the General Fund, all