

approved, although she felt that she had gone through the proper procedures to have it approved. She had to pay for the \$823 out of her pocket. She's attempted to go through a grievance type of procedure, although we find that there is no grievance type of procedure in the Court Administrator's Office. For that reason, the only avenue is to come to the claims bill to have this money appropriated. With that, I would give some time that I have to Senator Lindsay, who is a cosponsor of this amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Lindsay, you have more than seven minutes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I also rise, as Senator Withem mentioned, to support this addition to the claims bill. We've accumulated a little bit of a file on this from correspondence from Ms. Thomas, also between the Juvenile Court in Sarpy County and the Supreme Court and vice versa. The...I think Senator Withem's explained it well. The primary, the two primary keys to remember is that there's...there really is no grievance process that's in place that would allow this, a little better handling of this. The second thing is that it's a unique situation in that there's only one situation in the state where there's one Juvenile Court and, consequently, no backup court reporter to take over in those...to take over in the situation where the judge is on vacation. What we are...what we are dealing with is simply a payment of a claim for a substitute court reporter while the court reporter was on eight days of vacation. It should also be noted that the court rules generally provide that court reporters have to take vacation while the judge...while the judge is on vacation and that, because of that, this particular court reporter has not had much vacation, at least over the past three and a-half years, as is indicated in correspondence from Judge Gendler of July 11 of 1995. I think that this claim is one that is a legitimate claim and I would urge that the amendment be adopted.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This particular claim against the state did not go through the Business and Labor Committee. It hasn't gone through the normal process in which a claim is brought before the State Claims Board. First it's brought to the Risk Manager, then it's