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That vote was a very serious mistake. And if you don't find it out today, you'll find it out sometime later.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. (Visitors introduced) Senator Chambers, on the committee amendments to LB 882.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the mere fact that the Legislature is a place to which people can appeal a denied claim and the mere fact that the Legislature has the power to grant that claim does not carry with it the requirement that the Legislature grant the claim. To argue that because these claims can be brought to the Legislature necessitates the Legislature in granting them would mean that that following bill that we indefinitely postponed in the committee rejecting claims ought to all have been paid. It would be like saying because the constitution entitles you to appeal a matter that you lost in a lower court to a higher court means that the higher court must rule in your favor. That's not true. There are factors that are to be brought to bear on these issues and a decision made, not because something came from Grand Island or Cairo, Nebraska, but that is the way decisions are being taken. And if I could have anticipated that was the mood the Legislature would be in, in order to be fair, I would have brought all these other claims. So what I think I'm going to...I want to ask Senator Vrtiska a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Vrtiska?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, has there been presented to the Legislature, and I'm not aware that it has ever been done in the past, information on the claims that are in the other bill that we denied? We killed that bill. Is there information that had been made available to the Legislature as to what those claims consisted of?

SENATOR VRTISKA: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, and I'm not aware, brothers and sisters, of any version of the Business and