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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vrtiska, just...just one question with regard to item number 1, which was the replacement warrant for a check sent to Federal...that went to Federal, delivered to Federal Express, apparently, Corporation which alleged that it never received the original warrant. My question was, did that warrant go by Federal Express? (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you yield, Senator Vrtiska?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I have a question of Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, will you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: In looking over the materials that you submitted, my attention has been drawn to item number 6 which involves a misplaced and expired warrant issued to M.G. Walbaum that has not been cashed or reissued. The Department of Revenue recommended approval and the claim amounted to \$96,420. Do you have any detail on how somebody misplaced a check like that, and why this is being approved?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, Senator Pederson, we had the same questions that you did in the committee and it was determined that for some reason or other, either somebody didn't take...you know, I guess this is how forgeries are...other kind, I don't know, we were just told by the Claims Board, who actually reviews these before we do and sends them over to the Business and Labor and we asked questions about some of these bills on occasion because they are interesting. And saying it was misplaced, I don't have any idea why they misplaced it. You would think somebody who had a \$96,000 check, they would hold on to it pretty tight, but we were told that the bill was never paid, and because they couldn't find the check that they asked for it to be reissued, and that's as much as I can tell you.