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express my appreciation to Senator Connealy for following up on this issue. It's something that we started when I was Chair of the Business and Labor before because we could see that there was a problem that was developing that had to be somehow addressed. And I certainly appreciate Senator Connealy's interest in following up on this and getting this taken care of and now, through the process, we can have a change. As many of you know, last year this body refused to acknowledge \$14,000 in claims to counties' attorney and that's still laying out there, and they did it simply because the committee didn't think there was sufficient information on these cases and, as a result, it was the attitude of the body not to pay these bills. Now, some of those people are not thrilled about that because they think they had actually asked for a fair amount and, of course, the attitude was, as Senator Bromm has talked about, the fact some of these bills are coming in \$500 apiece and no backup information to determine why they cost that much money. So I'm pleased that some kind of a bill is being introduced to address this issue to solve the problem that's out there that we've been dealing with. I do want to tell you that I had hoped that this year you can swallow that bitter pill that we went through last year in denying those claims, particularly when some of those are legitimate and should be paid. And also, you know, this... if this bill passes, this is going to be the end of this problem that the Business and Labor Committee is going to have to deal with. And I guess, as a final note, I want to tell you that we will have around \$38,000 in claims that are going to be there before us again this year to resolve in order to settle this whole matter. And the interesting part of it, once we settle this matter, it appears that once this bill becomes law that that will no longer be an issue. That's all I want to talk about at this time. I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Connealy.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: (Microphone malfunction) Vrtiska. I want to thank you both for working on this and thank you for your detailed explanation of the bill. For the new members maybe we ought to go back. The ALR appeal process is part of what we do in this administrative license revocation, but when you appeal