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body. LB 806 is the annual claims bill. It contains approval for payment of claims that have been made against the state under the state administrative department's independent boards and commissions statutes, beginning with 81-8,209, the claims process is described. The Legislature created the State Claims Board and granted authority to act on behalf of the state in the determination of tort claims against the state, and to investigate and approve the nontort claims, such as miscellaneous claims, and agency write-offs, uncollectible debts. A list and description of each claim has been handed out to each of you that includes description of the claims in the committee amendments. The bill as amended does the following. Section 1 appropriates funds for the payment of miscellaneous claims, or claims for which there is no program or fund designated for such claims. This is a category for which all the county attorneys' claims for representative of the state in administration and license reservation...revocation appeals are placed. And I'll talk more about that in a moment. With the committee amendment, the total under this section is now \$357,597.58. In Section 2 is added that the committee amendments and appropriates General Funds for the payment of tort claims that have been settled in the court. And this amount is \$194,685.76. Section 3 appropriates funds for the payment of workers' compensation lump settlements that have been approved by the Workers' Compensation Court. The amount of the settlement is \$21,676.64. Finally, Section 5 contains a request for state agencies seeking permission to write off certain accounts that were deemed uncollectible. The committee amendments, an amendment that will be introduced after this one, contain changes in some of the amount...write-off amounts that I will discuss a little bit later.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Vrtiska, have you concluded your opening?

**SENATOR VRTISKA:** No, I'm just reorganizing my papers. You received a spreadsheet titled "Claims For Attorney Fees For Administrative License Revocation." As you probably have noticed, the green copy of the claims primarily contains claims against the state from county attorneys for the representation of the state in administrative license revocation appeals to the