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question before the body is advancement of LB 914A, offered by Senator Bourne, to advance to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 914A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 914A does advance. (Doctor of the day introduced.) General File, state claims bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1241, introduced by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 21 of this year, at that time referred to the Business and Labor Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2818, Legislative Journal page 798.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Vrtiska, to open on LB 1241.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 1241 is the annual state claims bill. I have had distributed a document that provides the details of each claim. I will go through each section of the bill to give you the overall picture. Then I'll explain the committee amendments, which makes some significant changes. Then I'll try to answer questions that any of you might have at that time. Section 1 of the bill appropriates General Funds for the payment of miscellaneous claims. You'll see that there are again some claims from county attorneys for the representation of the state administrative license revocation appeals to district court. These claims have not yet been before the Legislature and they are the last of those ALR claims that are now being covered by the attorney...that are now being covered by Attorney General. Section 2 appropriates funds for the payment of tort claims that have been settled by the Attorney General and require approval of the Legislature; the settlements made as a result of the Seward bus accident and will be added to the committee amendment. Section 3 appropriates funds for the indemnification claims settled by the Attorney General. Section 4 appropriates funds for a workmen's compensation settlement that had been approved by the Workers' Compensation Court and come from the