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somebody would have bills of \$170,000 and not bother to even cash the checks. And so the discussion centered around whether we should bring it before the board, before the, excuse me, before the body today and let the discussion go where it might, and so our committee, as a whole, decided we would disallow these claims at this time and it would necessitate that they have to refile those at a later date. They are legitimate claims, but it's unusual, at least in my perspective, from my perspective and several members of the committee, that these claims would carry on for this period of time (recorder malfunction) at least in my perspective huge amounts of monies, and so we decided to just hold them and see what the body's will is. And with that, that completes the bill and the amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vrtiska would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I now have AM3256 in front of me. (Legislative Journal page 1159.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on AM3256 to the committee amendments to LB 1241.

SENATOR VRTISKA: This amendment was just brought to me last week and involves a tort claim against the state that was just settled by the Attorney General. It involves a vehicle accident in which the date (sic) was partially liable. The amount will come out of the Roads Operation Cash Fund. The amendment also clarifies the name of the cash fund out of which the tort claims are to be paid, and this is...this is a claim that deals with...AM3269. Okay, this is the...this is the one that has to do with the accident that comes to...well, I think you have a sheet on your desks that talks about striking \$4,795,893.30 and insert \$4,995,893.30, and strike \$4,908,657.69 and insert \$5,108,657.69.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Were you through, Senator Vrtiska? Were you through on the...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I'm through. If anybody has any