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SENATOR STUHR: Okay.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's another amendment that's coming up.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you. And I do support this claim that was brought by the Seward community. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I had a question or two for Senator Vrtiska as well. And it's, Senator Vrtiska, it's just because my memory is not...it's not working very well this morning. But these ALR claims from, looks like, Sheridan County and Cuming County and Buffalo County, to the tune of about...close to \$8,000, I know we've seen these kind of things before, had these discussions before, but I can't remember why just some counties are we paying for and not other counties? I know we...it's been controversial before and I can't remember exactly why we do pay some counties. Is it because they are the only ones that submit claims? Could other counties, like Lancaster County, be doing the same thing? Would you clarify that for me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Vrtiska?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you. Not anymore they can't because of the legislation we passed recently, last year I think it was, that now the Attorney General handles all these claims. But previously, anybody could file for them and there were just that some counties, rather than do it at the county's expense, filed claims against the state, and we could not deny them. And over the years, it's been a big argument here on the floor and in committee about why we're paying certain counties and not other counties. And the big issue, as you remember, a few years ago some attorneys were filing \$500 on every claim, and others were providing a time that it took them to...and it was unbelievable that every one of them would be \$500, but...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: All right. So these claims that we're paying now, are those claims that were made before we passed the law?