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that's correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Well, I think...I'm interested in hearing more, but to me we're setting some precedent that is...that is potentially damaging to us in the future, albeit fairly small. I understand that. But it does set the precedent that we are looking at it, especially since the Claim Board denied it. It just appears to me that we're getting on thin ice here by accepting this for whatever human reason, you might say, that we can...that we do. I think we just need to deny that. I'd support my amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Quandahl, on the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I agree with and I support Senator Wehrbein's efforts in this part. I also second what Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers also said in support of Senator Wehrbein's floor amendment, and so I would urge the body to adopt Senator Wehrbein's floor amendment. Just a couple of things, at the risk of sounding harsh. Unfortunately, we here in the Legislature do not sit as a court and the testimony that we take at our hearings is not sworn testimony and it's not in the nature of a tribunal or a court. It sounds as though this is a claim that had been previously denied by the Claims Board, and that is something that I believe, as a Legislature, we're bound to respect. I, too, have some reservations about the precedent that it would set, albeit this is a small amount. And as unfortunate as this incident may be and despite the hardships and the financial condition of the parents in this particular situation, this is not a charity. We can't afford, in a larger sense, to show sympathy in this case and approve a claim where there is no legal liability to pay that claim. And so I would say that there are other means of redress that the parents may take in an attempt to get this claim paid, but from what I've heard, the state of Nebraska and this Legislature is under no legal liability to pay this claim and, at the risk of sounding harsh, we should not pay the claim because we do not owe the claim. And so for that reason, I would support Senator Wehrbein's floor amendment, and I would urge you to do likewise.