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compensation claims where the state was ordered by the court to pay an award. The risk manager has the authority to pay the first \$50,000 in a workers' comp claim, and brings these claims for the authority from the Legislature to pay the balance of the court order or judgment. The first claim was in the original bill, but the attorney listed was incorrect. And I will mention this at this time, that we do have another bill introduced, LB 237, that does give the authority to pay workers' compensation claims up to the first \$100,000, that the injured worker can receive benefits quicker and not have to wait for this process to take place. There is a brief explanation of where these work comp claims come from on the last page of the handout I talked about earlier. Section 2 offers a technical change to page 3, line 17, by correcting the amount of the attorney fees ordered by the federal district court. Section 3 reduces the amount of a write-off listed on page 5, line 11, of the original bill. I ask for your adoption of the amendment and I would...I would ask you again, if you have any questions, look at the handout that came to you this morning and everything is listed on there. They're listed by miscellaneous claims, tells who they go to, a little description of them, the amount of the claim. And after the miscellaneous claims, the next section has to do with agency write-offs, and then is the tort claim that I talked about, and the last one are the workers' compensation claims. And I will try to answer any questions you have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Open for discussion. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Cunningham, would you yield to a question I have?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I don't have the actual bill. I'm just going off your handout and it's page 2, the appropriation or the claim for the moving expenses, Department of Corrections, claim number 05-218.