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LB 737

is adopted. Mr. Clerk, are there other amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend with FA222. (Legislative Journal page 1371.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to open on your amendment number FA222.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam President. I just decided to do this kind of spur of the moment because it kind of bothers me over the years. It seems like every year I've been here we've had these expired warrants that in many cases one year is excusable, but I just...I can't believe people lose these large amount of checks. And I can live or die on the vote. It's not that big an issue with me, but I think we ought to establish some concern about the fact that people get these, and this...I'm talking about claim number 4, 05-100 at the bottom of page 1, and claim number 5, 05-130 on the top of page 2 in your handout, the "State Claims Bill -- LB 737" that Senator Cunningham handed out. One is them for \$80,628 and the other one is for \$52,209. One is to the Nelson Brown Equities for Arrow Energy Incorporated, the other is on US West Communications. You can read the details there on your own. I'd give some more time to Senator Cunningham to explain the circumstances. I have read one of those sentences on the bottom of page 1 over and over. I don't quite understand what it says, and I'll ask him to explain it: "The company waited beyond the one-year statute of limitations, then signed an agreement on July 23, 2004, with Nelson Brown Equities to act as Arrow's agent for collection." I don't quite understand what that means. And then, "Arrow Energy Incorporated, on behalf of Nelson Brown Equities, states the check is lost and requests the reissuance of the warrant." It's just hard for me to believe that an \$80,000 check bounces around. And so I definitely want more information. My intent would be we take an up and down vote. If I'm...the rest of the body doesn't agree, so be it. But I definitely would like more...I know the Department of Revenue recommended it, but it has always bothered me some when checks are lost or they let them expire and in some cases they are reissued and then even that doesn't get taken care of. So any information Senator Cunningham would like to give, maybe