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deadline was missed. So Senator Bourne kind of fuzzied up this issue of how a statute of limitation operates. Courts have stated that the purpose of the statute of limitation is to bring an end to litigation. It's a specific, identifiable, precise point in time when everything is over, unless something has happened in the meantime to toll or prevent that statute of limitation from having effect in that particular proceeding. Here you're not dealing with a tyro or somebody who is innocent, naive, and doesn't know anything. You're dealing with multimillion-dollar company, in one example, and another operation that makes I don't know how much money. I'm glad Senator McDonald pointed out a detail in the case where we rejected the individual's claim. This is where the individual did not perform a service but gave money to the state that was not due and owing. The state kept that money. The state would not be required to give a refund of money paid in. So these people have engaged in more than simple negligence.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They forfeited the claim they had on the state for any money. Each person knows the value of what he or she does. If the value is insufficient to cause the person to move in a timely manner to recoup what he or she is entitled to, that is on that individual and not the one who received the benefit of the work done by the individual. If that is not the way it's going to be done, stop saying that these warrants have to be cashed within a certain period of time. The leniency or grace period was for those extraordinary situations. These two that Senator Wehrbein's amendment deal with are not extraordinary in any sense except insofar as the claimants showed a total...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...disregard and unconcern. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cunningham, it's your time to speak.