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something or whatever. So about 15 months later I found the check, ran it to the bank, tried to deposit it, came back, said no. And so at the end of 12 months, I didn't have anything. And I really think if we have done this before, as Senator McDonald had mentioned, I think we have set a precedence and I don't think that we, as a state...certainly, in our bookkeeping, if it was an error that was done by the state that's another story, but when you issue a check and it's not deposited for any reason, I really feel that the time period is gone. How long should you maintain and keep records in accounting for those individuals that you write checks to? And particularly if it's written on the check that there is 12 months in which to be redeemed or no payment is received, to me, that's notice. And I would stand in support of Senator Wehrbein's amendment because, first of all, one, the federal government does not give any leniency and I don't believe that our taxpayers of this state also should do that. With that, I'll return the rest of my time back.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Members of the Legislature, now I don't understand a lot about statute of limitations, so on and so forth, but listening to Senator Chambers, I would imagine that there would be no recourse for these people if this claim was denied. Now, could they...could they file suit for that money? I don't know. Maybe someone with a law degree could tell me that. But...and I do believe that if we're going to...if we're going to deny one of those claims, we should deny them all. Why should we just pick out...well, of course, the big one is US West Communications and the smaller one is from the Ponderosa Ranch, but I think if we deny one, we should deny them all. We shouldn't pick and choose. I know one thing. If I had a \$500 check sitting around, I'd make sure it was cashed. But I know in some of the bigger corporations, there are probably several files and they have to go through several different people within that organization before the darn thing is taken care of. Maybe we should...maybe we should look at making sure, when someone is issued that check, that it says, you know, in bolder letters