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SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Maresh please. The last amendments proposed to the bill, would it be discourteous if I ask what the reasons are for these payments to those individuals.

SENATOR MARESH: No sir, Senator Stull has an explanation to those.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Stull, would you explain just briefly.

SENATOR STULL: Members of the Legislature, two of these schools and well actually all three of them, my understanding is that the warrant was cancelled by mistake. I think that it is the one to the school out at Tri and it is payable to the treasurer of McPherson County. The other two are claims that came in too late to be adopted, they were approved by the Attorney General's office and by the Claims Committee and we thought as long as we could get them on this bill. Now it is my understanding that these claims for school children, where they attend the school and are living on federal land, and there is not enough children involved to be paid by the federal government.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, members. I think that we should go into this a little more. We have got bills here that have never been read to us, here is one for a \$176,000 to give to a woman in Freemont, and \$195,000, I mean this was not brought out itemized. I think that when were spending this kind of money this stuff should be itemized, on this kind of money. This isn't peanuts. Were spending money here giving these people money.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh could you respond to those two items.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. President, I'm surprised that Senator Fitzgerald didn't get up and explain the claim. He got up and acted on these in the committee. This one for the \$176,000 was where the lady was shot by her husband who was an inmate at the Nebraska Penitentiary and he was out to talk to AA's and he got away and shot his wife. She sued the state and the state lost and instead of appealing there is a \$5,000 amount interest against the state, and instead of fighting this they decided to award the \$176,000 and settle it out of court. That is the explanation to the \$176,000. The \$196,000 is for the printing of the ballots which amendment #300 was a part of and this is the reason for the big amount. The rest of them were all claims that these two were not acted upon by the claims board but all the rest were allowed by the president Mr. Whelan, the Lt. Governor. He could probably explain those better than the rest of the committee because he acted upon these as Chairman of the Claims Board.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.