

are claims coming in against the government, basically against the executive branch and the actions of the executive branch and they ought to be there to decide and they ought to take responsibility and if you don't like what the State Claims Board does, then you ought to let the Governor have it broadside. He should take responsibility. That is what it is all about. Beyond that, adding two more members to the board now as is suggested by Senator Lamb, I suggest to you it would make the board too large and cumbersome. This is a working board. This is not an honorary board. I think three members is a good size for that particular kind of board. So in terms of philosophy and in terms of practicality, in terms of a lack of demonstration on the part of Senator Lamb so far as I know that the present board is not functioning properly, there is nothing to indicate that this change should be made and I would oppose the change.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to take up the motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: May as well.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Beutler and Wesely would move to indefinitely postpone LB 136. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

PRESIDENT: Take it up now. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson. Oh, excuse me, I didn't realize it was a joint motion. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I joined Senator Beutler in raising questions about the bill and I apologize to Senator Lamb. I, frankly, paid no attention to the bill till just a few minutes ago and we've tried to figure out some of the history of it and just to share with Senator Lamb and the members. A bill was passed to do exactly the opposite of what he is suggesting in 1981 as Senator Beutler mentioned. The bill was LB 273 and it was introduced on behalf of the Governor who was Governor Thone at that time and introduced by Art Weaver who was Director of Department of Insurance at that time and I'll quote from the transcript. "We are recommending a change in the personnel of the Claims Board, not because the current