

necessarily pay off the entire amount that a county may request, based on the amount of money that was available.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, the way the bill is drafted, the determination of whether a claim will be paid is left strictly in the hands of the Claims Board. And the only time it will come before the Legislature is if the board denies a claim and the applicant, local government, wants to try to get the Legislature to reverse the denial.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah, if the...if the claim were denied, or there was not money available, then they could come, in fact, to the Legislature and bring their appeal. And then it would be up to the Legislature whether they wanted to appropriate the dollars that they would be requesting because, in fact, if the dollars were completely diminished, there would be no fund to draw from, so they would have to come to the Legislature in order to get those funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now how much is supposed to be in this fund at the maximum?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we've...we've...the A bill that I'm going to have come up later will be \$200,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose that an applicant is entitled, in the opinion of the Claims Board, just so that I can stay within what will actually be available, \$195,000. Once the Claims Board makes that decision, the money is paid out.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the Legislature has nothing to say about that,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at that point.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...at that point, the only point that the Legislature would have, based on the way the bill is drafted, in order to make certain requirements that they'd have to meet in order to be...in order to be eligible.