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SENATOR LAMB: State of Nebraska.

SENATOR DeCAMP: How is he going to do that?

SENATOR LAMB: Well the system is pretty well established, isn't it?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, the system is established that because of the unique nature of the state, that if he has a claim of this sort, he has to go to the Business and Labor Committee to file that claim and go through the process there. That is why we are dealing with is.

SENATOR LAMB: Then would it not be more appropriate for the Business and Labor Committee to turn down the claim and let Mr. Soukup pursue it through the court system?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That apparently is an unworkable solution. I say, the state is a unique creature and if you are going to sue the state you are in a unique situation and that is why we have the Claims Board set up. It is not the same as if I did something to you or you alleged I did. It is a completely unique and separate situation when the state is involved and state agencies.

SENATOR LAMB: I guess my concern is that perhaps the Business and Labor Committee is not the proper forum to pursue this sort of an investigation. It seems to me that eventually the court is going to have to rule on whether or not this person has been wronged and that the committee of the Legislature would not really be, should not really be involved in it as much as this investigation would seem to indicate.

SENATOR DeCAMP: If the state agencies, if the state were not involved, then I would say it is a matter for the courts. I did not set up the system. I did not write the Constitution and create the system where he is forced into the Business and Labor Committee. That was done by our forefathers. I am merely trying to say that in doing our job as the Business and Labor Committee, we should have much more information and be careful about rejecting or accepting this claim in any amount, whether it is one dollar or zero dollars and that to do that we have to have more information than we have and I have suggested that whatever action we take will be precedent setting for the future Labor Committees.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, I trust that the Legislature won't consider this improper but the Chair would just like to give