

originally in LB 993 there was a claim and it is still on the book. It is claim No. 203. There is a considerable background on this particular claim. I think Senator Maresh is familiar with it. Other members should be familiar with it because it has been an issue before this body on a number of different occasions. This lady a number of years ago, her husband, upon his death, gave to the state in 1944 a considerable amount of land. In 1945 Mrs. Lydick agreed with the State Lands Board that the changes should be that the right to her to live as a homestead for a lifetime. Now this lady is in her 90's. She still is living and under that agreement there was supposed to be a certain amount of money that would accrue to her as an individual. Upon her death, of course, naturally all the land would accrue to that body and all monies that were obtained through the lease would also accrue to the educational lands fund. I have been involved in this for a couple of years. One was a piece of legislation in 1978 which attempted to give money to this lady based upon a reasonable claim in terms of a lease agreement to her for certain kinds of monies which accrued to this land and the claim now is \$38,583.88. I believe that this lady is entitled to this and here are a number of reasons. One, in 1978 the Board Lands took that lease and sort of made an agreement with her that she would receive certain amounts of money. That is there and they have even supported this. The Board of Educational Land and Funds has supported the claim and they were there to support it when it was put before the Business and Labor Committee and the Attorney General, John Thompson, has supported the claim as being reasonable and in addition to that the tort board on three different times has unanimously supported and approved these claims. Now I believe it is a reasonable claim because the state stands within a matter, I'm sure, a rather short period of time to gain every dollar that is generated from this land under the former will of her husband who is deceased. I am asking that we restate this claim and that we approve it. I do not think it is unreasonable and I think Mrs. Lydick is deserving of this, and I am sorry that the committee did not see fit to grant this claim. Indirectly, the state benefits because that money that accrues from this land now goes into the school lands fund and that money then is distributed as you well know under the trust fund to the schools on an annual basis but, for us to ignore this claim I think is disrespect to the family who originally saw fit by estate to give it to the land. I am asking for the adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments and actually what it is, it is to replace