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LB 967

On the committee amendments.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now on the bill, Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 967 as amended is now the annual exercise which the Legislature goes through each year in making appropriations for the payment of miscellaneous claims against the State of Nebraska as have been approved by the State Claims Board and now asking for approval of the Legislature. The bill provides how payment shall be made, declares an emergency. Each claim is specifically enumerated in the bill and the total amount of the miscellaneous claims, of course, as you can see, is slightly in excess of \$385,000. If there are any questions I would be glad to specifically try to answer them.

SENATOR CLARK: We have Senator Vickers first for you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I sat there and watched the vote on the committee amendments with amazement. I didn't vote for the committee amendments even though I am a member of that committee and in the end I would have if it had needed to be to get the 25th vote because I recognize that these bills need to be paid. But we're dealing with the budget issues the last couple, three days and we've been talking about some pretty large items and we've also been talking about some relatively small items and the committee amendments, if you'll turn to the standing committee amendment in your bill book, indicated that claim #072 against the Governor paid a Bruce G. and Annette E. Mason and it gives an address, out of the general fund of \$85,000 and 27 members of this Legislature, without asking one question, voted for that amendment. That's...I find that hard to understand. As a member of the committee I raised the questions about that. I have got a copy of the United States District Court order ordering us to pay it and before I was convinced that we have no choice but to pay the \$85,000 but an \$85,000 check from the State of Nebraska would be a pretty good deal for any couple in this state it seems to me and I'd sure love to put in a claim and seeing how easy it is to get it passed, maybe I might try that one of these times. The fact of the matter is, I'm kidding you. No, I'm not. I'm serious but