

more balanced opinion coming out of the Claims Board and I think that is important. That is not to say the board did anything improper. As a practical matter, I think it fair to say they were recognizing some very strong political realities and of course they were appointed by the Governor and he was recognizing some very strong political realities, political, not necessarily legal. With some additional membership on the board I believe you would get some balance that it would at least offset this, to a degree. The third reason, this Legislature, following the example of the Twenty-first Century and every single other state in the United States and every single major corporation or business entity set up a few years ago a risk manager system. A risk manager system in its utter simplicity is a system in which, since the state is a self-insurer, we are insuring ourselves, so to speak. We have somebody out there assessing what we have to do to minimize our risk, to minimize our losses. No big business of any size can operate without a risk manager. However, the first act of the current administration after we got the risk manager system set up was simply not to fund it and to eliminate the risk manager, an act I felt quite inappropriate.

PRESIDENT: May we have order, please. (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber. Approximately a minute left, Senator.

SENATOR DECAMP: For the reasons stated, I think it is not inappropriate to add these two members, provide some balance on that board and as I know Senator Barrett and I have discussed here recently, maybe look at our entire system for claims, risk management and these kind of things as the conditions have changed so rapidly these last...oh, two to seven years and that is what we hope to do this summer. In the meantime I think it is a good idea to allow these two people to go on the board and serve on the Claims Board, helping to look at the matters.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is to indefinitely postpone LB 136. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Wesely says, tell it all, tell it all. I'll tell it all. Nobody asked me to introduce this bill. I just noticed one day that the Claims Board is three people appointed by the Governor whereas before, you know, I guess I probably knew that we changed that law one time, but it suddenly occurred