

situations, and that is what you are calling upon. That is what you are suggesting here. And if you believe that politics is involved in all of this, then you are just making an unworkable situation for every claim that means anything at all. But most of the claims, of course, don't mean anything, that is, they are small amounts, hundreds of dollars, maybe a few start getting up into the thousands. And I suggest to you that for most of those the Auditor of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer is not going to have the least bit of interest in showing up at those meetings and will not show up and that is the reason that we changed the law in 1981, that for by and large the everyday work of the committee, they just weren't there to do it and didn't have an interest in it. So it seems to me that any way you analyze it, this is not a particularly good bill and I would encourage you at this point not to advance it.

PRESIDENT: For your information, Senators, the speaking order thus far now is as follows: Senators Higgins, Hannibal, Lamb, Warner and Chambers and there is an amendment on the desk. There is an amendment on the desk to LB 136.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to amend the bill. (Read Higgins amendment as found on page 431 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, another member of the body was telling me, I didn't know I had been recognized. This seems to me a fair compromise to appoint two lay people for the State Claims Board because these are the people that come before us and Senator Lamb, and I would assume those who are in this case following the lamb and not the goat would feel the same way. So I am offering just a simple amendment so that there could be no question that politics does not have anything to do with this bill, that we strike Auditor and Treasurer, then we allow two lay members to be appointed and that we will, the Legislature will appoint a special committee and that committee will then submit two lay members' names to the entire body to vote on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.