

bring them back to the body so we can make a good decision rather than bastardizing the thing with some amendments that may make it better, may make it worse and go on from there with the things that we do have to handle, that we do know what we stand on and get to the issue at hand. At this point I would like to suggest that we do not support Senator Higgins' amendment only because it, too, has been brought up without a lot of thought of the ramifications, not that it is a bad amendment, but we just don't know for sure what it means and let the introducers and the proponents and the opponents get together and see if they can come up with a better version.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would comment on Senator Hannibal's comments. I would suggest that we do what we do many times, that's to put it over on Select File, let it sit there. We'll get together with Senator Chambers and Senator Higgins and discuss the situation and as I have indicated before I'm amenable to amendment. I think maybe we can arrive at something and so I would suggest at this point that if you don't want to adopt Senator Higgins' amendment that we could still proceed with the advancement of the bill and we'll sit down and you'll have another time to vote on it on Select File if you don't like what the people have come up with as amendments in the meantime.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the amendment. I am also opposed to the bill. Obviously the way that the conversation has gone this morning, this is supposed to be a political issue and as far as I am concerned it is the last thing, that is the last thing that it is. Senator Beutler made some reference to it if you want to view it that way, then either way, keep it like it is and I agree with that. Obviously there is a very obvious constitutional problem to build a Legislature into the claims process at the Claims Board level. We are built into the process as we all are well aware, at the approval of the appropriations. But I also wanted to comment on the risk manager aspect because that has been discussed as well and it is accurate that the salary for the job of the person who was the risk manager two years ago was eliminated. It was a proposal from the