

administration. It was one of the last things that, at least the Appropriations Committee went along with when we were looking for reductions. But we were also at that time was assured that the responsibility of the risk manager which is still part of the statutes, has nothing with the bill today, was going to be carried out. I was going to call and check but as I recall at least there was a designated individual to do that responsibility and it runs in my mind that that maybe has deteriorated some but I'm not real sure about that of the actual function performance of the duties of a risk manager. In any event I would assume that will again also be a budget issue this year to review whether or not the elimination of that specific position has or has not resulted in adequate or inadequate performance and it may be appropriate as other legislators have suggested to review the whole concept as far as the statutes of the position. That is another issue as well. But as far as I am concerned that there is no need for a change and I see no reason to either advance the bill or to hold it for further study. I think the system we have was in part intended to remove it from politics. Some of the ramifications have been mentioned are obvious, why it shouldn't be done and I think we would be well ahead if we just...if the bill doesn't advance and sits there for a long time, that's all right with me. That doesn't bother, but I see no point in spending a lot of time on an issue which will not be...many of the things discussed this morning are not going to be resolved by this bill.

PRESIDENT: The issue before you is the Higgins amendment to LB 136 and the Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not on the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Very well, not on the amendment. Senator Beutler, do you want to speak? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. After listening to the wisdom of Senator Warner and with his vast experience on the Appropriations Committee and without any reference to his age, his many more years of experience in the Legislature than I have, I will withdraw that amendment and go with the wisdom of the body. I merely wanted to make a point, that I don't believe there is anything wrong with the people having input on the Claims Board and as far as it being a political issue, I guess it was just dumb of me to