

dastardly deed being contemplated here this morning. So if you take the amendment that I am offering, you will give something to the politicians without completely taking something away from the public. I hope you will accept the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The issue before the house is the Chambers amendment to LB 136, but before we proceed with debate, the Chair would like to announce that Senator Warner has some young guests in the north balcony this morning who have just come in. There are 38 fourth graders from Eagle Elementary School accompanied by their teachers. We welcome you to the Legislature this morning. And also unbeknownst to him a freshman Senator is about to be exposed. We have the privilege of congratulating Senator Rogers on his 39th birthday. Senator Rogers, we understand this is your birthday. Here is your opportunity for a maiden speech.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, I appreciate the opportunity to speak but I just got some beautiful flowers from my daughter in Kansas so I think I will just kind of look at them and I will let the speech go.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Many more. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. The issue is the Chambers amendment. Do you want to talk on the bill? Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I certainly commend Senator Chambers for bringing this amendment to the floor. I listened to most of the debate this morning and was concerned of the fact that we were not taking into consideration the people, the lay people, that will come in and file claims against the state. I have been a member of the Labor Committee for several years now and have the opportunity to either reject or support claims that were filed against the state that came in front of our committee and our committee, of course, when we decide whether or not the claim will be granted have only had to have the majority of the members of the committee approve or disapprove of the claim. When it comes to the floor of the Legislature, we also have just the 25 senators needed to approve a claim. I cannot see a Claims Board having five members and making it unanimous before they approve a claim, and this way if there are five members, at least it would just take a majority of the five. I think we have to be very, very serious about this bill. When I first came down this morning, I didn't