

was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Business and Labor Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Barrett of the committee for the amendments.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I believe that the explanation of the committee amendments as passed out to each of your desks is most adequate in terms of explaining the amendments. We now have two trains on the same track in terms of the tort claim and the miscellaneous or the contract claim.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Just a minute. (Gavel.) Please lower your conversational level so that we may hear the speaker. Go ahead, Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. The first substantial item provides for payment of both the tort claim in the amount of \$8.5 million and the miscellaneous claim in the amount of \$12 million. These are the two trains running on the same track. The amendments combine the two, 8.5 and 12, tort and miscellaneous. Secondly, the Attorney General must issue an opinion that upon payment of the money that the State of Nebraska will be fully and completely released from any and all further liability. Third, the Nebraska Supreme Court is required to review the provisions and issue a decision approving its constitutionality before any appropriation is made, for the state and the City of Lincoln enter into a sale and lease back agreement for the State Office Building, for the city to use in connection with the issuance of a bond to fund the bill. The net proceeds from the bond issue will be 20.5 supposedly deposited in a new agency or division called the financial integrity cash fund which is created in the bill. Five, the equivalent of four cents of the cigarette tax is dedicated to be utilized and appropriated for payment to the city for the use by the state of the State Office Building. It is estimated that \$3 million will be required to make the annual principal and interest payments on the bond which of course are to be issued by the City of Lincoln. Payments will run over an