

stricken at this point. We're buying a pig in a poke on this amendment. You know I don't know exactly what language they want to come up with, but frankly, I'd rather keep that in here at this point and decide an amendment to it at a later point rather than trying to strike two sections of the law just like that and everybody wait to see what we come up with. I don't know who agreed to that amendment and I'm sure that Senator Johnson has a legitimate concern, but let's stay with the bill and until we find something better and I think if we find something better we can make a change, but I haven't seen that something better yet. So I'm certainly not agreeing to any striking of two sections of the law that are principal reasons for this legislation in the first place.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: Just to say I do support the amendment. It's the matter I brought up earlier and I think the amendment should have gone a little further. I don't think the Legislature should in line 1 state that there is "a valid legal basis and the \$12 million is meritorious." I think this \$12 million claim has to at some point before it gets passed, I'm assuming it does get passed, has to receive some really adequate debate and has to be differentiated completely from the 8.5 million settlement. And I'm not going to attempt anything today. It is three thirty-seven. I know they want to get a vote on the bill to advance it. I'm not one to hinder that, but I am going to support this amendment and send just at least a signal that I'm going to look at the bill carefully between now and Select and I think it has a lot of implications for the future of the state and I want to make sure we at least cover all bases before we do put it into law.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish anything?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'll give my time to Senator Nichol.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having handled claims in the past, I learned early on that when you settle a claim, when you settle a claim you deny liability and that's what we should do here. We should deny