

was lost the estimate would be that the cost would be in the vicinity of \$277,000. The Attorney General's office is recommending then that this too be negotiated, out of court settlement. This is a figure which has been concluded. We've had these around only a few days, but the Appropriations Committee has looked at them. It is our recommendation to you that this amendment be approved.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my file is downstairs. But if I understand it correct, Senator Warner, there was one of these settlements that was only \$65,000 difference. Is that correct? The \$277,000 they settled \$212?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, then the other one was much bigger than that. What was the other one, the difference in what was asked and the settlement?

SENATOR WARNER: \$465,000.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator. I want to make a point. I don't know whether it is correct or not for the Attorney General's office to capitulate and not go to the Supreme Court and fight an issue and settle out of court when one of the fights was \$465,000 and the other fight was \$65,000. I think that if we approve these claims we are saying to the Attorney General's office, well, whatever you think is right, you go ahead and do, but for that type of money I think maybe you ought to fight because maybe you are right. I think that, basically, maybe we are giving them too much authority. Again, I'm going to have to admit that I don't know the facts, but all I know is that when you go to court and you go to the Supreme Court, if you are prepared and you have your facts, you've got a 50-50 shot. I'd like to see that kind of positive action come out of the Attorney General's office instead of what I call a negative reaction. So I just wanted to put into the record and express to this body that this is what happened on those two cases. They could have been appealed and possibly one of the settlements been less because if we were in private life we would have gone to the Supreme Court, or the district court, or whatever court and fought. I just don't like the