

of \$8.5 million. Senator Beutler, first, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think it's necessary to first of all structure our discussion a little bit so that whatever we do we do right. I think you appreciate the fact that we are now three days, two days away from our final day. If any mistake is made on this bill at this point in time we have to live with that mistake. If there are any discrepancies we have to live with it or if there are any contradictions they have to be lived with. It's either up or down come Wednesday. There is no chance to correct it. What I would like to ask you to do, I know that you're interested in the question of dividing the miscellaneous claim from the contract claim and I know as much as I would like to find a way to prevent you from doing that, that I cannot do that. I think that Senator Johnson has prepared an amendment which will come to you down in the order of things which does that fairly, exactly. I hope you will not use this particular vehicle to do that because I think this particular vehicle is unclear in its distinctions and because I fear that doing it here will cause us problems that may put into doubt your willingness to vote for the bill on Final Reading on Wednesday. To point out to you one of the problems, as you know from our previous discussion of 713 the \$8.5 million payment, and I take it now we are in the \$8.5 million portion of the claim, the \$8.5 million payment was structured so that it was paid by an issuance of bonds, that is, the bonds would be issued and then the state would pay out of its general fund over a period of many years a couple, three million dollars a year until it was paid off. But under Senator DeCamp's amendment, and I hope you'll listen to this, under Senator DeCamp's amendment...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, excuse me a moment. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, may I have please have your attention so that we can hear what the speaker is talking about and I'd appreciate your paying attention to what he is talking about, especially people under the balconies. Maybe you're eating too loud or something, but...Senator Beutler, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The major problem with Senator DeCamp's proposition is that under his amendment the entire \$8.5 million, as I understand it, will be paid out of the