

general fund. I do not believe it requires a tax increase because I believe you will then have to consider the reserves, the other \$30 million as part of the reserves or in the alternative, the Governor can veto another \$8.5 million. My point is, if you're going to use the office building scheme it ultimately cost, I think, closer to \$20 million than it does to 8 and I think if we were doing this in any other bill we wouldn't say the cost of something is 8.5 when in fact it is 20 or 20 when it's in fact 45. We'd say what the cost of money that the state is going to put out is. You appropriate the money this year. You pay it this year out of the general fund. That's the system. Take your lumps. Don't create hokey schemes and I think that's what the other thing does. But as I say, if Vard's amendment accomplishes the identical purpose and he feels it's clear and we can agree on that, I'm willing to substitute or withdraw this until we get to that or whatever. And I'd like to ask Senator Johnson a question or two and I'd like to see how far down his amendment and ask the Clerk how much intervening, let's get a little discussion going.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: For a little discussion I stopped by the Clerk's desk a few minutes ago, kind of dropped in, and asked the Clerk what was up. He said that the next thing up is an amendment by Senator Beutler to whittle the \$20 million down to \$12 million. Now the Lincoln folk still want a little extra \$4 million for that contract claim. Then he said there is a series of amendments I think offered by Senator Haberman, oh, half a dozen in number which Senator Haberman probably will withdraw and then finally comes the celebrated Johnson amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, the celebrated Johnson amendment does what?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All it does it simply appropriates \$8.5 million to the Commonwealth claim, that is to the tort claim settlement. And it finances it though in the same way that the overall bill would be finance, i.e., the State Office Building will be sold to the City of Lincoln and leased back by the state. The City of Lincoln will have to float \$8.5 million worth of bonds which in turn will be paid off by the state over a period of time.