

SENATOR PIRSCH: So in other words these are indigents who have been treated at our Department of Public Institutions?

SENATOR COORDSEN: It simply says write off outstanding patient accounts, and, you know, the Department of Public Institutions are those people that oversee that type of facility.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, and I am thinking we, of course, get a lot of indigent people in our Department of Public Institutions, which perhaps are funded by other sources too. Did the committee look at that also?

SENATOR COORDSEN: No, we did not. The Risk Manager recommended approval for the write off by the agency. The debts were determined to be uncollectible after they'd went through the claims process. Patient names were to be considered confidential, and the account information is to be returned to Institutions and retained there for auditor's purposes. We really have no way of even getting at...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...who further might be responsible, but I suspect DPI made every effort to collect everything that they could from responsible (interruption).

SENATOR PIRSCH: Hopefully, they did, and then there is one by the Department of Roads, \$33,535.29. What, do you know what the story was on that one?

SENATOR COORDSEN: It says the claim involved damage to the State of Nebraska Department of Roads property, which the department has attempted but was unable to make collections for, thereby requesting permission to write off. The State Claims Board voted to allow the claim on August 29, 1991. We will check here to see if we have any further information on that for you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, when, we have others, of course, against the Department of Roads which go directly to the person. This amount goes to the Department of Roads because of a write off. The others, I would assume on page 2, would be for property that was not fully reimbursed by the Department of Roads, is that correct?