

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to say a thing or two on the amendment, not on the bill, but on the amendment. Up until this year we have been unable to get out a guest statute bill or if we have it was killed on the floor murderously at the very beginning. What was the reason for it? I think that the reason for it was that we had wife suing husband or vice versa, parents suing children or children suing parent, grandparents suing son or daughter or grandchildren suing grandpa and so forth. So, what has happened this year in regard to consanguinity we have said, husband and wife, you are not covered against each other and we have stipulated as to what, who the people are who cannot sue and those people are these: The parents of a driver, the grandparents, the children, the grandchildren and the brothers and sisters. Beyond that, yes, they can sue under the ordinary negligent portion of the law and recover. Beyond that, those that I have named would have to prove gross negligence or intoxication to recover. Now may I say this, I think that up until this year most of the people in the State of Nebraska thought that they were covered by merely proving ordinary negligence for passengers in their car or the negligence that passengers must prove in behalf of the driver and it is amazing how many people have come forward this year thinking and saying, I thought I have always been covered. As far as the increase in premium, yes, there will be an increase in premium. How much is it? Nobody knows. The insurance companies operate on spread of risk of course and their experience would dictate after a year or two how much they should raise their premium. The insurance companies are not allowed to lose money in the State of Nebraska. They should make a little money, at least a little, and we don't want a company operating that loses money. So they would figure it out actuarially as to what the premium would be. Senator DeCamp offered a figure of five dollars. Perhaps this is in the realm of reasonableness and I think it would be. So, I do support the amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Is Senator Koch in the room? Senator Hoagland. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate ceases. Senator Nichol, do you want to handle the committee amendments? Close on them.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I think we pretty well handled it. I would suggest that my last was my closing.