

particular issue, whichever side is pressured you kind of forget that, whether it's the lawyers or the other side and make your own judgment as to whether this makes sense and whether if you were in a particular situation, whether you would want this system in effect and whether you think this is a fair system. And if you do, I'd hope you'd support the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis is the next speaker, but I'd like to introduce some guests in the north balcony please who are guests of Senator Jacklyn Smith. There are 30 ladies from Hastings, Nebraska, with the Y.W.C.A. in Hastings and we welcome you to the Legislature. Would you please welcome the ladies from Hastings. Why don't you please rise so we can see who you are. Thank you, thank you. Senator Landis, we have another motion ahead of you. Sorry about that.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beyer would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, what do you want to do?

SENATOR DECAMP: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, in that case, Senator Beyer. Do you want to do it today, Senator Beyer?

SENATOR BEYER: It's all right with me. Might as well. We're here...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, continue on. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Might as well argue it now as later. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, like Senator DeCamp said this is a warring bill between two sides. We've heard it before. They were basically supposed to try to get together and come up with something. I guess they couldn't. But the thing I kind of object to is the fact that we're mandating this where already the court has the authority to award interest or not award interest and the Supreme Court holding for many years has been, it is the rule in this jurisdiction that prejudgment interest is allowable only where the amount of the claim is liquidated conversely where reasonable controversy exists as to the plaintiff's right to recover or