

not part of our process. Well, let me address that issue first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Hannibal, again. (Gavel.) We have several pockets of conversation that are disrupting. Please hold it down. Thank you, Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I don't mean to belabor a point here but I want to let...remind all of you that have been here for a while and maybe probably not inform, but just in case inform those of you that are freshmen this year that when it is your bill you have control of that bill much more than when it is somebody else's bill. And this is not a pride of authorship but we are going to be dealing with a very significant policy issue and I would rather have the ability to deal with that as I see fit because it is my bill than to have the opposition deal with it as they see fit when we are dealing with my bill. Now that is practicality and that may be politics and maybe I shouldn't talk about it but that is realistic practicality as to why we should have two bills out here if we are going to talk about this policy issue. Secondly, with regards to what Senator Hoagland mentioned, yes, that is true we do have the statute of limitations on the federal government and the state government at two years. Why then do we have only a one-year limitation or a one-year repose on a two-year limitation or a four-year limitation on the individuals with regards the political subdivisions? Well, I would suggest to those of you that are in here that aren't from Omaha and that aren't from Lincoln to look at your subdivisions around your districts and I think immediately it will come to your mind that possibly some of your counties and some of your school districts out there may not have the resources to investigate procedures, to investigate the merits and demerits of a possible claim and to be able to have the financial wherewithal to be able to settle a claim or a disputed claim, especially one that has no upward cap on its liability. A \$5 million claim against your school district would be a fairly significant claim. Now is it reasonable or unreasonable to allow that claimant to have two years to just tell you you have got a claim coming against you which is what we are talking about or is it reasonable to let you know within one year that, hey, I have got a claim against you, I hope you will settle it, but if you won't, understand that I am going to take you to court