

have the ability many times to track that bill and so what we should do is try to reduce the confusion as much as possible to make it as simple as possible for the public and for the general population and, yes, for us legislators to keep track of what is going on. I have no idea where the content are or if there is any content of LB 159, 239, 610, 612, 652, 611, 646 and 590 and any other bill on this floor. And so I would suggest that Senator Hannibal has a very good reason to try to bring this bill to the floor. I would ask you to support it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is an attempt to raise this bill from the Judiciary Committee. I am trying to see if I was there to vote for what the committee did with reference to doing this because I don't remember being a part to incorporating it into the other bill and I guess I wasn't there. I am against the bill, period. And, Senator Hannibal, had I been there I would have just voted to kill the bill because I don't like what the bill does and I would have voted against the bill probably that they put it into. This is an attempt by the City of Omaha through a very highly respected member of the Legislature to cut off the right of a citizen to even file a suit before he or she knows that a claim exists. What they are talking about in this bill is a statute of repose, that that begins to run from the instant that an act is committed, a negligent or careless act by a city employee. As soon as that act is committed, the statute of repose begins to run and a year after that you cannot bring your lawsuit. There have been instances where in dealing with digging under people's property, or not too long in Omaha where water was running from an embankment at one of the fire departments under a person's house, they didn't even become aware of the damage until the statute of repose was gone. So your house falls in. The city acknowledges, yes, we should have not let that water run under your house like that. It is a direct result of that water running under it that your foundation washed out and your house fell, but you didn't file your claim within the year. And the person says, I didn't even know that I had a claim until my house fell in. They said, that is tough. So what the city is saying is, let this statute of repose begin to run from the date of the negligent act and not from the date when you find out you have a claim. A true statute of