

but I do. One of the concerns raised on the floor, if you will recall, was that, well, this is going to benefit the lawyers. I think that might be at least a legitimate concern. Whether it is a real honest to goodness fact, I don't know, but I know it is what some people are concerned about. Well, with Senator Higgins' amendment it takes the guts out of that argument completely, so I support her amendment. And I have no conflict because I don't have any business anyway these days. However, so I think the amendment is a good amendment and the legal trial attorneys may not like it but I think they should live with it if they want the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to warn everybody to be kind of careful the amendment that you accept on this bill because you might make it too palatable and you might like it when we get through with it. So when Senator DeCamp gets up and says he kind of likes these amendments, you want to be kind of careful because you might get it in such good shape you will want to vote for it. So I just want to call to your attention that when you think about these amendments be real careful. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't practice law, don't have any cases, active case files, get my friends out of jail every now and then. Every now and then I will take a few of my artist friends and incorporate them for some short-lived artistic co-op that fails three to six months thereafter. So I, too, have no financial stake, but this is not good policy, go back to the notion of making a plaintiff whole. And by the way, I have problems with the bill so it is not like I am a stand-patter on this bill. Let's apply the same theory to doctors. A doctor has an injured plaintiff comes in, suffered an injury and the doctor's job is to make the plaintiff whole, heal the plaintiff, put them back in the situation that they were before. Now, when we do that and the doctor sews back on the finger that was sawed off in the industrial accident and makes the plaintiff whole in a physical sense, he leaves the plaintiff less than whole in an economic sense, hmmm, charges a fee to the plaintiff. The plaintiff gets done, he