

his case can even be heard to say nothing of the further delay that may resolve from various motions and an appeal. Since in the meantime he has to live, is unable to work, if he is seriously injured, and has hospital bills and other expenses to meet, he is under the most extreme economic pressure to settle his claim on any terms he can get." And this is the part that I really would like you to hear. "Since a hungry man cannot afford to litigate it is still true as it has always been that in any personal injury case delay always works for the defendant and in the poker game of negotiation for settlement he always has that ace up his sleeve." That's the reality that is out there in front of you and that's an unhappy reality and an unfair reality and it is the reality that this bill is directed at and I think that the bill has a very obvious effect of evening the score up a little bit in this game on negotiation that is played in the law of torts. One of our most famous jurors once said that justice delayed is oftentimes not justice at all and I think that what is happening in the area of torts is that as a matter of the way the game is played, the delay of justice and by delay, a lessening or a fact the change in the meaning of the term justice is effectuated and we should not allow this to happen. I hope that you will vote for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Chair would like to announce that Senator Richard Peterson has guests this morning who are 39 sixth, seventh and eighth graders from Norfolk District 87 accompanied by their teacher. It is very nice of you folks to come down here to see the Legislature and if you will stand, we'd like to recognize you and welcome you to the Legislature this morning. The Chair recognizes Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support advancement of LB 157. You've had an opportunity to hear, those that were listening, to several attorneys speak on the advancement of LB 157 and as you well know I am not an attorney. I'm not even familiar with law. I became interested in this bill when it came up last year as a lay person and it just seemed to be a fairly right and proper procedure and I've gotten more interested in it as time has gone on. Senator Landis did ask me to join into a negotiation procedure and I was able to partake in some limited degree and marvel at his ability to negotiate, as a matter of fact, and I believe