

you are asking is the same thing we answered this morning and it is not divisible. There is an interlineation that makes it difficult to extract one.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, what this amendment does, it allows the \$8,500,000 that the tort claim court said is fair, adequate and reasonable. It removes that word that says we should pay in the extra \$12 million. Now why should we do that? Because we have no legal liability, the courts haven't ruled on it and we're just kicking \$12 million into the kitty and I don't think this is right. This should be brought up as a separate issue and not included in this bill. So, therefore, I ask to remove this language from the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Haberman has a perfect right to vote against the bill. He does not have to like it, he does not have to support it, but I would ask you please not to adopt something that guts it. Vote against it, but do not do this damage when there is not a mechanism to correct it yet this year. Vote it up or vote it down. Do not add this kind of amendment to LB 713. Even if you're not a supporter you ought to have the courtesy to allow the senators who do support it to have the opportunity to vote on the issue as it is. Senator Haberman may have corrections or technicalities that he could add at the Select File, but on General File to utterly massacre it and not give those of us who are supporting the concept and who feel we need to resolve this statewide problem an opportunity to vote on this issue today is doing, not only an injustice to members of the Legislature, but grave injustice to the thousands of victims of the Commonwealth situation. This is a yes or no answer, but it won't be a yes or no answer if Senator Haberman continues with what he has attempted to do. He has a message he wants to bring us. I think he should bring us that message, but not to do it under color of adding these amendments. Senator Haberman shared with me some of the message he wants to state on this legislative floor. He ought to have a right to share that message, but not to the detriment of LB 713. I would urge him to tell us what he wants the state to know, but not to do this to the bill. I would urge the rest of us to make an intelligent vote for or