

completely, but I understand where you're going, Ern, and, yeah, you're right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, we have to look not only at what the political subdivisions are trying to do, but the interests of the public. Right now, a political subdivision has four years of exposure for the filing of a claim. If you sue the political subdivision itself you have one year, but the employee and the political subdivision for all practical purposes merge and you, if you're the subject of negligent damage, have four years to get the political subdivision through the employee. Senator Hannibal wants to drop that four years to one.

SENATOR LAMB: Your time has expired. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I did turn my light on again, thank you. To pick up where I left off in this very interesting story, Senator Hannibal, I mean, Senator Haberman, I'm looking at you and thinking of him. What Senator Hannibal and the political subdivisions want to do is run off with everything. They have been granted a boon already. This bill was pulled out of committee by the Legislature. It's on General File. It is nobody's priority bill, yet here it sits before us. Why? Because somehow the political subdivision or their sympathizers were able to get it on the agenda. So they've been granted a boon that nobody else has been granted by the Legislature, or by the Speaker. If it were a priority bill, then that comment that I just made would not have had to be made, but a lot of people have expressed curiosity as to why it's on the agenda. The place to go to get an answer would be the Speaker because he put it there, but to get away from that down to the issue that is before us, Senator Hoagland is offering what everybody on this floor would characterize as a compromise. That means you're giving up something on Senator Hannibal's side although he really isn't. You're gaining something on Senator Hoagland's side which he really isn't. The political subdivisions would be gaining all the way around. They reduce their exposure to suit by two years. The fact is that the employee stands in the place of the political subdivision when acting in the course of his or her duties and performs a negligent act which causes damage to somebody. The political subdivisions, if they could get away with it, would like a person not to be able to file a claim at all. They would like to have immunity from suit if