

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Ladies and gentlemen, what this amendment does is it does the same thing that the State of Iowa and the State of Kansas have done in recent years and that is it allows either party to request a jury trial in a case against a political subdivision. Now, let me indicate to you the reasons why this was done in the State of Iowa. There were a number of tort claims against the state filed because of the highway system there and a number of judges were bringing in verdicts that the State Department of Roads thought were excessive. So in response to that, the State of Iowa presented legislation and it was adopted by the Iowa Legislature to allow parties to request a jury trial as an added protection in a case against the state. That simply is what this amendment provides. It allows jury trials as you have in virtually every other kind of litigation, in this instance against a political subdivision. I'd ask the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Chairman and members, a couple of questions of Senator Hoagland if he would yield.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Hoagland, is this amendment printed in the Journal?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Do you have other amendments? You had one already, this is the second one. Do you have more?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: There is one other.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There is one other amendment and none of them have been printed in the Journal?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That's right.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I honestly don't know what the ramifications of this amendment are. I do know that this bill, LB 289, was placed up for special order last Thursday as I recall and Senator Hoagland did