

say to the jury, you know, when you make this award you want to think about the cost of living going up for the next three years, so don't just make it a "piddly" award of a million, but you think about what it is going to cost this man for all his medical needs and how those, too, can rise in the future. So that would be my thinking on it, Senator Chambers, and I think you'll agree that I'm as compassionate as the next person when it comes to individuals as opposed to the state, but at the same time I have to think about the taxpayers who are really going to be footing the bill for these increases. And if they are just going to be automatic, then I think everybody automatically get a cost of living increase, all state employees, all government employees, all private enterprise employees, all retired people automatically. My husband has been retired three years. He hasn't had a cost of living increase, but he sure has had a cost of living that increased. He just didn't get any money on his pension to take care of that. I'm trying to be fair to those that are injured, but I think the one that should look out for the injured party the most is the attorney that is going to get a half a million dollars for getting him a million. So, I guess I would be opposed to this amendment. On that basis I would assume that any attorney that is smart enough to take a personal injury case and win it would be smart enough to think three years or four years ahead and get a little more than a million. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five seconds? I see five hands. The motion is to cease debate. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no. At this point the Chair takes pleasure in introducing some guests of Senator Lundy under the south balcony, Mrs. Faye Kahle, the wife of former Senator Martin Kahle. Would you stand and be recognized, Faye. Also with Mrs. Kahle is Mrs. Lundy and her daughter Kay Smith from Kearney. Thank you. Have you all voted to cease debate? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Hoagland, to close