

\$1 million and that is the picture. The committee amendments do as follows: First of all, they eliminate the portion dealing with pooling. You may or may not want to do that. It is something you should seriously consider. It is something the subdivisions of government want, the municipalities want. It is something, of course, the insurance industry opposes. The school districts want it very bad. So it has got arguments on both sides and we will let those develop naturally here. The limitation on liability is something obviously the insurance industry wants, trial attorneys and others are opposed to liability limits on the theory that they unfairly restrict the right of an individual to sue and recover damages. So the committee amendments then eliminate the pooling concept. They add another concept that was not in the original bill. That new concept is an aggregate limit. So let us assume Senator Nelson sues the City of Grand Island because of negligence on their part with respect to a bridge or something like that. She wins. The maximum she could recover is \$1 million. The other part of the amendment says, and the maximum any group of people or any number could recover would be 5 million. So let's assume Senator Nelson is riding in a bus along with a bunch of people. They go across a bridge. Everybody is killed. The maximum amount for that entire accident, no matter what the guilt or the negligence of the city or liability is would be 5 million, and let's assume there were 20 people. Obviously, they would divide the \$5 million, if that was awarded, up among them. Okay, so that is another portion of the committee amendments. A third portion of the committee amendments eliminates the area of health care and workmen's comp from the bill in terms of either liability limits or pooling on the theory that these can be dealt with in the normal course of events and that there are no problems apparently in that area right now. So I would ask you to consider, discuss, debate the committee amendments, and then decide what you want to do with the bill which we will get into in more detail later. Yes, my amendments to the committee amendments, maybe we will wait awhile on that amendment. I think maybe some people want to discuss that or I just assume they would want to discuss the committee amendments, whether you should or shouldn't keep the pooling in and all that. Okay, I will offer my amendment now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.