

was a recovery, is exhausted, that that child is then left to his own devices and his parents own devices and whatever welfare system we then have established. Our local subdivisions are saying to us that we are so special, we are so special that we should be treated differently from the Union Pacific Railroad, which has no cap. We should be treated differently from Mutual of Omaha, which has no cap. We should be treated differently from Vard Johnson, practicing attorney, who has no cap. We should be treated differently from Richard Peterson, beekeeper, who has no cap. We should be treated differently. Tell me why. Why should they be treated differently? Why should local subdivisions have lids and limitations when I don't have any, Senator DeCamp doesn't have any, Senator Hefner doesn't have any, when nobody else has one?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: In any event, the cap that is being offered is extraordinarily low, unconscionably low.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, please, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I rise in support of the Lamb-DeCamp amendment to the committee amendments. I like the bill with the committee amendments. I think the DeCamp-Lamb amendment makes it even more palatable. Nearly everything that I wanted to say has been said, Mr. President. I would simply call your attention again to the handout, the political subdivision tort claim laws in the 50 states, and suggest to you that with our present unlimited liability we are one of only nine states in the Union with such an unlimited liability and this, of course, is one of the reasons why Sarpy County has been successfully sued for \$4.5 million, the infamous or famous tree suit in Omaha which was defeated in the Supreme Court for about \$5 million. The bill originally, of course, called for the \$1 million limit and a \$5 million aggregate. At the present time, that would put us the highest in any state, of any state in the Union, if it were passed as written. Louisiana is the highest at the moment, you will note, with a \$500,000 lid per person, and the DeCamp-Lamb amendment puts us right at that \$500,000. We will be one of the two highest in the United States. The \$5 million aggregate limit is a very, very high limit. There are only