

you were a paraplegic. I talked to the attorney that got the five point some million dollar settlement in Omaha and he, himself, said that was too much because he said there was no way that person would live 53 more years as a paraplegic because of the various bodily dysfunctions that would go along with it. I want to find a fair way to deal with those people who are truly injured and not just bringing ridiculous claims because they know that the schools will come up with the money, or the city, or the county. Remember, I am thinking in terms of this. I don't think about a city. I don't think about a county. I don't think about the state. I think about who is really paying the claim is the taxpayer. Now the bill as originally drafted would have said there is no limit on the amount anybody can sue except \$1 million but 20 people can sue for a million, and then your little counties, your little cities could be liable for 20 million. And if they lost in court, people in those little towns would have to come up with the money because the insurance companies aren't selling it. They started this thing, and after they convinced all the businesses and corporations to buy multimillions of dollars of insurance, then they decided now the public knows they have got the insurance, the public is suing for that amount and, my god, we are losing. So I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments. It isn't perfect. The bill isn't perfect with the committee amendments but I am trying to keep it within reason. Like I say, if you have 20 school kids on a school bus, all 20 of them were injured, you could divide that..

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...into 5 million, it should still be a pretty good sum of money, maybe not enough but when do you reach enough? Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Barrett.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.