

SENATOR CHIZEK: I oppose the Coordsen amendment. We've seen it before, in fact, it's been in a number of other bills. I could almost walk out the back door and hand you to the person that it came from. A week or so ago there were amendments being offered on bills on the floor that didn't have hearings. I remember last week that some of the people that were discussing this very amendment talked about we shouldn't be putting amendments on bills on the floor unless we've had hearings. We haven't had a hearing this year on this. If this is the kind of stuff we're going to pull, why not do away with the hearings process, why not do away with it? Don't waste my time and the Judiciary Committee's time on the hundred and sixty some bills, don't waste Senator Conway's time with I don't know how many he has, just bring them to the floor. Again, colleagues, let's don't start a precedence that we'll all live with all year. I oppose this amendment and the way it was brought.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chizek. We now go to the next speaker. Senator Ashford, do you wish to address the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They can throw as many of these at me as they want and it's not going to work. It's, obviously, tempting to go, all we needed was Senator Conway and Senator Chizek's vote and we would have had the Abboud amendment passed and it would be over, we would be through, we'd be on to Select File, we would have won the vote. But I'm not going to switch, I'm not going to change. Senator Conway made it absolutely clear as a bell, clear as day what happened. And what happened was that there was a compromise reached, a significant compromise reaches in LB 88. And, as Senator Conway absolutely rightly says, the collateral source rule was a major subject of discussion when LB 88 was discussed at the time, when LB 159 was discussed, initially, and when LB 425 was introduced in 1987. I'm not as good as Vard Johnson at this, as he did in LB 775, but I'm going to stick with LB 88, and if we have to sit here all session, I'm going to stick with it. And they can throw this stuff at me, they can throw this stuff at me all day long. They know what they're doing, they know the arrangement we made, the compromise we made to have good, solid legislation passed in the area of joint and several liability. They know it, but they continue to do it. I don't know why they continue to do it. They certainly don't give an explanation as to why they continue to do it. And Senator Kristensen sits there and says, well, I'm not...I have no