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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That is set up so that the person will be indemnified against his negligence unless it is gross negligence, and then in which case he's on his own in many cases, but the problem that we have, if we leave it the way it is right now, those indemnification policies may well go away.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the point is there exists right now four years time to go after the employee who will be indemnified by the political subdivision.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I think that is an accurate statement. It is accurate in that they can go after the employee. Now whether that indemnification will hold out for that period of time, I honestly don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but we're talking about the way the system works now and with your amendment you would make the period of time for which an employee can be sued one year rather than four.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: In the case of an employee working in his capacity on a job for a political subdivision, yes, that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it reduces from four to one. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now Senator Hoagland's amendment would raise the period during which a claim could be filed from one year to two years and that would be against the political subdivision and the employee. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So in reality it would be cutting by two years the amount of time that an employee exposes his or her political subdivision to a claim.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, I wouldn't go along with that