

right thing to be done which is to take a piece of old worn out, tired policy, which is brutal and unjust in its application, and refine our system of doing business and making a more sensitive system of adopting liability rules. Let's do away with slight gross and go to comparative fault, and that's it. Want to do some of this other equilibrium stuff? Do another bill. Fight it someplace else. Let it stand or fall on its own merit rather than its ability to counterpoise or serve as an equilibrium to this change. Why don't we just do good policy? Why don't we just take our system...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and do what every other state practically in the country has done in recognition of justice without trying to pay off somebody else, without some kind of matching ledger, a very, very novel refreshing and probably doomed agenda. But I, for one, am going to join him in it because I think this whole business of finding the equilibrium and the payoffs for doing good things is unnecessary. It should be enough that we simply do good policy and that is the one section in this bill that Chris has pulled out and said, let all of the rest fall aside, this is the place to get back into the end of twentieth century and join the rest of the states and do good policy. I want to vote for him. This is a good amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. I might remind my colleagues to make sure, as you're speaking, that you speak close enough into the microphones so we make sure we get it on the recording properly. Next on the list, Senator Ashford, did you want to speak to the Abboud amendment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was the second best speech, I think, of the session, if not the first. I wish, in looking back on my experience on this in this legislation, I wish I was, had been an independent contractor like Senator Abboud because he is able to tell the truth and he is able to come forward with a proposal which does make absolute sense, and he said it so absolutely well and Senator Landis explained it so well and Senator Kristensen said it so well when he said, yes, this is the major part of the bill and I favor it. But, you know, I made a compromise with the business community; I made a compromise with the trial lawyers; I made a compromise with the insurance industry in 1987 and I'm going to stand with it even though the insurance industry is not, even though the