

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABBODD: ...and with the Hurricane Andrew, with the number of earthquakes that took place in the Bay area, they're facing some financial problems down the road. Now, I was somewhat disappointed in the debate on this particular bill because there really wasn't a rationale given to support why they wanted this claim. Back in the mid 1980's we addressed this issue, the Legislature made the decision not to impose the \$1 million cap on the State of Nebraska, we didn't feel it was necessary. And at the time, in 1985, there was no comparative negligence, it was slight gross. There was no change in the liability. It's not a legitimate argument that since we changed the negligence laws we need to change the liability cap for the State of Nebraska. We haven't had any large claims in this amount, if we do maybe it's time to address it, but we haven't as of this date, for the past, over 100 years, and I don't feel that this bill is...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ABBODD: ...necessary to be addressed at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in opposition to the motion to place LB 12 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. And that's what we're voting on, ladies and gentlemen. That's the motion we're voting on. We're not voting on LB 12, we're discussing, very much, the amendments of...or proponent support for LB 12, the demerits of LB 12. But what you have in front of you is a motion to bring this bill out of committee, after the committee killed it. No matter what the policy of the committee was, there are a number of us who sit on the committee who just flat out opposed the bill from its inception, and we opposed it for good reason. The issue here is one of on the 35th day of session, when we've still got about 18 days left of committee hearings, I know half my bills haven't even had a hearing yet. Now some of you may say that's because of the stuff you introduce, Senator Hall, and that would very likely be true. But the fact of the matter is there's a number of us who haven't even had a chance to have bills that are near and dear to us, as