

how you have more cost. I have information here and throughout the course of the debate as I punch in again and talk specifically on the bill, I think I'm going to be describing to you some statistics that prove otherwise. This type of technique is going to provide an opportunity for a lot of claims to be settled early, not have to go through the complete litigation which is expensive for both parties. It is going to be fairer to the injured in terms of the indemnification and in many cases it's also going to be fairer to the person who ultimately is going to be the defendant in the case and ultimately receive judgment. In fact, if we look at that very seriously you're going to see a whole lot of people in our business community and for economic development purposes. I think maybe the cornerstone of this is maybe my involvement. I was the one that introduced and championed through many of these other areas for the very purpose of positive economic development. Why would I abrogate that goal and responsibility when it comes to this position. I still believe this is a major piece of our court system that could fit into play and work better for the long-term best interest economic development in the state. And so with that, Mr. President, I will relinquish the microphone and hope for an active debate.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We have an amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator McFarland, you had an amendment, Senator, printed last year. I have a note here that you wish to withdraw, but...

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I would like to withdraw it, Mr. Clerk, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill. Senator Kristensen's amendment is on page 398 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is probably the most difficult set of amendments that I have had to present to this body and it's been after a great amount of thought and soul-searching that I do so. When this bill was in committee, I passed. I was not voting to advance this bill out