

Now there are people who oppose LB 159 because it changes the rules somewhat and under the rules they have been able to do some careless things without paying for it. They have been able to injure people, create dangers, find that individuals are injured and then walk away from it. For example, a woman out riding a horse...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...she happens to be on a highway. A car speeding over the limit comes over the hill, is not capable of stopping the car within their range of vision, strikes the woman, strikes the horse, injures both, woman doesn't get a dime. Why? Well, we have a rule that says, if she was more than slightly negligent and the driver was not grossly negligent then she can't recover because she has some portion of responsibility. The jury was prepared to give her money, the trier of fact was, the court said, no, you can't. Why? Because Nebraska has a law against it, has a rule against it. It's the slight gross rule. LB 159 changes that slight gross rule. The Kristensen amendment makes clear the ways in which we will move into a more appropriate, more rational form of tort system allocation for losses. The amendments are appropriate, they are well drafted, they come with the oversight of a Bar committee in their drafting. I urge you to adopt them. I urge you to examine carefully 159. At its heart, is a very simple principle. People who are careless...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and injure others should pay for the damages that they create. LB 159 exonerates that principle and that's why it's a good bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I would like to divide the amendment, do Sections 12, 13 and 14 as one, do it first; and Section 16, number two; and the rest, 12 through 6 as one, number three.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, if I could have your attention a moment. As I understand, on the amendments of 159 of Senator Kristensen's, the first part would include Section 12, 13, 14, and that would take you through line 6 on page 3, right?