

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and we have special programs for them. Civil victims aren't organized but the people who have insurance premiums to pay certainly are well organized. The companies who don't want to pay those claims certainly are well organized. They know when they have the upper hand in the law and, of course, they don't want to let go of it. The Kristensen amendment is good bill drafting. It needs to be adopted and this bill needs to be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please, followed by Senator Smith and Senator Conway.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called on the...do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has not ceased. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Conway. Okay, Senator Conway, on the first section.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President and members, like I say, the amendment, the single amendment that Senator Kristensen brought before us, I think, could have been addressed in a singular fashion rather than broken down into three divisions and I am happy to see some of the debate on the bill for fear that some procedural happening may come about that the bill was never discussed, has this never been discussed before. I voted for ceasing debate on that particular provision and believe and then wholeheartedly support as a long-term introducer of this bill that has carried many numbers of the years that these Bar amendments, if you would like to describe them as that, are technical amendments that simply address a procedural process that allow the judicial system to more expeditiously address this bill if it were to be passed. So regardless of what a person's feeling may be on the bill, I would like to think that this body has the wherewithal to try to make it the best possible bill with respect to the fact that if it is passed,