

arguments about whether it will make more lawsuits or less, whether it will settle case law. The question is, is our law just, that's the issue. And, if you're proud of that record of our recent cases, then you'll be happy to vote against this bill. I'm not, that's why I vote for this bill. But most important, I want an explanation for why those are just results and why that's fair and why those people should suffer those injuries just because they're not organized, they don't have a voice and unfortunately happen to be represented by lawyers, when they come down here, who are the subject of a certain amount of prejudice and bias, and they happen to run up against some people that we all happen to like in the business community who are very well organized and very well-heeled. I want an answer as to why that is just. I don't hear it in the lobby and I don't hear it on the floor, and I didn't hear it in the hearing or the record of it, and I want it in the record. I want to hear why these results are fair...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...because I don't think they are.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to speak on the issue for some...probably not the best reasons, but I think important reasons. And I realize we're talking on amendments, and I'm going to speak to the issue as opposed to an amendment, which I will support, because I think it is important that somebody suggest that we're having a picture painted here that isn't entirely true. Senator Conway and Senator Landis have been making some very good arguments. Senator Conway wanted to profile those that were lobbying the issue, and pointed out their obvious bias, and I agree with that. Senator Landis has pointed out some very horrible tales of some people who probably have suffered some injustice, and it would be very difficult to argue against that. I would point out in both of those cases I have some other opinions, however. One...Senator Korshoj did have an opportunity to talk a little bit about the other side, and I applaud him for that, because if we're going to profile the lobby, which we do on occasion in here, if we're going to profile them, let's profile both sides. Obviously the business interests would like not to have lawsuits against them. Obviously business interests would like not to