

with joint several. We found, as we tried to dismantle joint several, that there were many positions where if, in fact, you could not reallocate, given that empty pocket, then the injured party was going to walk away with nothing, and therefore we needed to make sure that a truly injured party is compensated, only to the extent that someone else caused them injury, and subtract whatever they contributed. And that's where we are. I think it's a fair and honest bill.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: I think it will support the business industry much better, once they sit down and analyze it, and as we compare it to what's happening in other states than what a lot of the principles who are out here working the other side of the issue portray. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Abboud, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUOD: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, I'd like to just focus in on one particular point that occurred to me last year. We had two bills before the Judiciary Committee last year. One of them, actually there was similarity in only one instance, LB 443, Senator Robak's bill last year dealing with rape. It was fascinating to me that in this United States we were the last state to provide for corroboration, which means that if someone is raped that that individual, additional evidence has to be presented. You don't just rely upon that person's word. Nebraska was the only state in the nation that was...had a law like that. And, unfortunately, we're the last state in the nation that has this kind of a system of negligence. And maybe in 1910 or 12, whenever that law was passed, it was breaking law, breaking new ground. But we're currently behind the times. How does that happen? I don't know. But it was fascinating to me last year that we allowed a woman to be raped and then require that woman to come up with some additional evidence in order to prove her case. I think it's time for a change and I urge the body to move LB 159 onto Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President.