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say, I was more at fault so I should apologize. The laws are simple. Lawyers make them confusing. It's a relatively simple rule. If you're at fault, you apologize. You make that person whole. That's what this bill is about, that's what all these changes are about. That's all we've discussed for the last nine years I've been in the Legislature, but when you get lawyers involved on both sides, defense as well as plaintiff, they make the law confusing but it is a simple concept. An apology is all they are asking for.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Landis, did you wish to speak again on the Abboud amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. I need to see five hands. I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate signify by voting aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Abboud, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR ABBLOUD: Mr. President, we have discussed this quite a bit and it's a simple concept. I realize Senator Ashford is bound by something, I'm not sure what it is, but for that particular purpose I understand that he may have some problems with it and Senator Conway may have some problems with it but, yeah, commitments are made between individuals and there was no commitment made by myself or the other members of the body. Let's run with the amendment. I would give the remainder of my time to Senator Landis.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to rise, I thought Senator Kristensen made a valid point and a fair qualification. I don't mean to impugn motives, and, if I did, I'm sorry on that score. I certainly don't mean favors in any political sense. I do think there is a point at which we try to have an equilibrium of meshing of interests that blinds us to simply doing a step which is unequivocally good policy. And, because we're so used to trying to blend interests, we are sometimes paralyzed from taking a single, correct step. Senator