

recoveries of a smaller amount and where there's been studies on this there is no known change in the rates that has been able to be identified in any state that I know of. That's the impact of doing good policy. Actually, this is a...I don't expect it to pass, but this is a shaft of very sensible, rational light in a very murky, dark corner.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the Abboud amendment. We will now proceed to a vote. I might remind the body, especially for the new members, that this is an amendment to an amendment on General File, so it requires only a simple majority to adopt it. So, with that, all those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who wish to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is not adopted. We will go back to the Kristensen amendment now. I'll go back to my list of speakers if you wish to speak on the Kristensen amendment. Before we do that, I would like to introduce our doctor of the day. We have Dr. Gary Rademacher from Nebraska City, and he's under the north balcony. Welcome, Dr. Rademacher. Proceeding down the list, Senator Conway, did you wish to speak to the Kristensen amendment?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I've not risen on this issue yet this year, mainly because most of what I have to say most of you have already heard, one way or another, or over the years who have been working on this. But, again I want to take it back to a bit of the history and this isn't specifically the Kristensen amendment directly, but in a way it is. When you go back to the beginning of this issue I came to, and many people have probably forgotten, I mean, take it back to LB 425 is really where this all started. LB 425 was put together by a coalition of 90 business organizations called tort reform. And that was an era where nationally there was all kinds of concern over the demise of the competitiveness of the American businesses. And there was this whole concern that our tort laws, around the country, were not very supportive of the business enterprises and the things that were going on. We introduced LB 425, and I believe it had about seven provisions in that bill, dealing with the various aspects of tort law, frivolous lawsuits, directors and officers liability, joint and