

several, all of these kinds of issues. Well, the bill, even with 90 different organizations supporting it out in the Rotunda, I believe got killed in committee. There in part was, I think, many people forgot it, that something that large for this body to absorb in one go round was just not very compatible and very workable. I and many other people then worked on that issue for quite some time and broke down many of those seven points. We passed, once we had them broken down and people could isolate them and look at them, we passed frivolous lawsuits, we passed several changes to our liability laws that were more conducive. Many of the other things that were going on nationally were not going on in Nebraska in terms of awards that were completely out of line. But we did a few other things at that time as well. For the cities, in that same era, we passed caps, in terms of the maximum amount of liability exposure that they can have in certain situations, and we did some of those things. Well, eventually, it boiled down to the fact that I came in still wanting to do something with the deep pocket. I felt that the deep pocket theory was probably contrary to some of the best interests of our attempts to try to get economic development growth in Nebraska. There was a lot of discussion that that deep pocket exposure was of some consequence. So, that was my side of the issue. From the other side was the trial attorneys and their interest was, as Senator Landis very eloquently put, a very archaic, strange, odd system of slight gross that really needed to be updated. But there were the two issues that were vying for the attention of the body, somewhat separate, but also related. And so, Senator Ashford, who is opposing the joint and several proposals that I had, and the slight gross concerns that he had, we joined together being spokesmen for those two sides. Not being trained as an attorney, and not being particularly bright, I did learn something from my father, and many of you have probably been exposed to the same kind of child rearing, if there is more than one child in your family, you often fight over things. My father was always very good at having a candy bar between two of us boys and we'd be fighting over who was going to eat that candy bar or get their hands on it, and my father would hand me his pocket knife and said, okay, one of you cut and the other one choose. And you've all been exposed to that kind of process. Well, that's what Senator Ashford and I did. But I wasn't smart enough to cut, but I was smart enough to choose. So, I let him do the cutting, and we put legal minds together and came up with the language, we pulled in the chief justice, former chief justice of the Supreme Court, we pulled in Harvey