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I know it's confusing for you folks on the floor, as much as myself. I might just remind you while I've got time to speak a few minutes, Dave Parker, one of the main opponents or was hired to be an opponent in LB 425 that we heard a number of years back, Dave Parker now supports this. I see what...what I'm seeing coming in on this bill on the floor right now are a lot of amendments, talk it to death, get people so confused they don't know what they're doing. I did not vote to kill LB 262 in committee. I tried to think, I tried to be fair. One question I would like Senator Kristensen to explain, and I don't see him on the floor, Senator Schimek asked a good question before, what are the benefits, or what is that housewife when she is left three children or so on, her services. By Senator Kristensen's amendment those services aren't worth anything, or that should not be any economic value. To me, that's a lot of value if mom can't take the kids to the basketball game or anything, just because she was not out there working. I see on this bill, and I see some of these amendments coming, and I'm telling you like it is now. I see the bottom dollar interest coming ahead of the average person up and down the street. Your family and my family can get hurt just exactly like anyone else's. I want to be fair. I don't want to have too much insurance. I'm not bought off by either the defense attorneys, I'm not bought off by any one person here, nor am I bought off by big corporations on this bill. I have tried to be as open-minded, I've sat through all of the meetings and I know there are some problems. For example, in accidental loss, we cannot guarantee and we cannot legislate exactly what might come up or may or may not come up. But this bill has been worked and plenty of opportunities for input. And what we have now is...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...certainly out of date and does need some changes. I guess that's about all I can say. As a lay person, I've tried to listen, I've tried to be as fair as I can. And after sitting through it three years, I think that LB 88 is about as good as we're going to come. But I am definitely against Senator Coordsen's amendment. It is not fair to the person that is a prudent business person and takes care of his business, he's being penalized for doing that. Thanks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Chizek, did you wish to address the Coordsen amendment? Senator Chizek.