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SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President. You know, I'm half tempted to vote for this amendment so it would kill Senator Kristensen's amendment. This particular section came out of a bill a number of years ago. And it seems like the longer you hear a lot of the ideas don't change, but they get new bill numbers and this particular amendment was part of LB 425 of a few years ago. It was a terrible section of the bill, at that particular time, and that's probably why they couldn't get it into a compromise dealing with tort reform at that particular time. And it's a terrible section right now. Is...Senator Kristensen, I wonder if you'd yield to a question for me? Do you want this albatross around your bill? I mean, are you in favor of this particular amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Abboud, if you're asking me how I will vote on this amendment, I will vote against this amendment to my amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Thank you, Senator Kristensen. I think that pretty much summarizes it. I guess I'll do Senator Kristensen a favor and vote against this amendment, because it literally kills Senator Kristensen's amendment. And, as I said, he has one redeeming section in that particular amendment, and maybe we may have to consider that in the future. But this amendment, it's a bad amendment, I'm voting against it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Next on the list, Senator Coordsen. Do you wish to address your amendment again?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Only briefly. LB 88 has been presented to us as being fair, more fair than the current system, more understandable than the current system. This amendment doesn't require a jury to do anything. It presents the opportunity for a total picture to be presented to the jury of the issue that happens to be addressed by that side. I fully expected the comments to be made that were made, people are comfortable with the current system. It makes not a great deal of difference whether the system is fair or to whom it's fair, whether issues are brought as amendments or bills is not an argument this morning, it never has been an argument on the floor of this body. I brought this amendment to you, and certainly I did not generate this, but it seems, as a lay person who may or may not at some time in the future be brought in to a