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granted, it's very difficult to understand, it is, but that's the effect. That will be the effect of this amendment, if you vote for it. It causes a great many more appeals, it is hard to understand, and it will cut off from recovery a substantial part of the population of the citizens of the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Now we have Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUDD: Mr. President, colleagues, I'll take a few minutes to talk about this particular section of the law. You know the one question I have, and maybe Senator Kristensen can address it for me, is why this section needs to be changed? Have we had a lot of problems? I assume, since it was brought to us that we have a lot of companies moving out of the state as a result of this particular section of the law, or insurance companies are threatening to move out of the state as a result of this section of the law that is currently in place, or I assume there is some logical reason why this particular amendment is being brought, because I agree with Senator Crosby, there hasn't been a ground swell of desires on the part of my constituents to see that this particular section of law needs to be changed. You know, it's one thing that...we talked a little bit about a lot of the different sections of this particular bill, or this amendment. As I said, there are three sections to it. The only one I ever hear complaints about is the section dealing with changing the slight gross. But when we get into the question of joint and several, no complaints are ever raised to me about it. They seem to think that the law is pretty good at this particular time. And until I see a reason to change the law, I guess I'm not going to be able to vote for this particular section of the amendment. I will support the section that deals with changing the slight gross standard to comparative negligence, I will support that section of Senator Kristensen's amendment. But I really have a problem when it's tied to the section that deals with joint and several, since there doesn't appear to be a problem with the current statute. I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Kristensen, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, how much time do I have left?