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CLERK: 19 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. Will all members please return to the Chamber, return to their seats and record their presence.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We would take call in votes as well, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Call in votes will be accepted. We are voting on ceasing debate.

CLERK: Senator Moore changing from no to yes. Senator Byars voting yes. Senator Rogers voting yes. Senator Cudaback voting yes. Senator Beyer voting yes. Senator Labeledz voting yes. Senator Lindsay voting yes. Senator Wehrbein voting yes. Senator Schrock voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I would go to Senator Kristensen to close on the first half of his amendment. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Baack, Mr. Speaker, excuse me. As I stated earlier this morning when we started with this amendment, my intentions are not to kill this bill. If, in your heart, you believe that this bill should not be passed, or should be killed, then I'd give it a real strong second look about trying to be friendly to it and killing it with my amendment, because my amendment is not designed to kill this bill. There needs to be changes in the tort system. I've proposed what I believe to be a better approach to that, but that doesn't diminish my desire that some part of the system must be changed and should be changed, it's a good idea. With that, I struggle, I struggle within myself saying, yes, on one hand I want this change to occur, but I want it to change under my terms. Senator Ashford has worked for many years, Senator Conway has worked for many years to see change under their terms. The joint and several is my point of a balancing act. I intend to support this bill. I think my amendment makes it a