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SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have some questions for Senator Ashford if he would react to them, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: These are always tough too.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why do you want Senator Warner's amendment in your bill? Let me preface...

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't want (interruption).

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...let me preface it with something. I'm a new senator...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...and I'm sure everyone else in this body...I know they know everything about this bill but, for some reason, I don't have all the information. And I have about 10 questions here that I want to ask you...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...and maybe Senator Kristensen. First, why do you want it in LB 88?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't. Political subdivisions, I don't want his amendment, what I want...historically, political subdivisions, negligence, the standard of liability applied to political subdivisions as applied to everybody across the board, they've never...there's never been a situation where, other than putting caps on political subdivisions, there's never been a situation where you would...historically, where they would be together necessarily or that you would create a different standard for a political subdivision. I mean, this is...Senator Warner talks about this historical tie-in and that just never has existed, historically, it just doesn't exist.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why didn't you support taking out his amendment then?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, political sub...all we're saying by this bill, Senator Robinson, is that the standard of liability that Senator Warner yesterday thought was a decent standard of