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the comparative negligence and throwing out the slight gross that there would be no more suits in subdivisions.

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, that has...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Absolutely not. That has nothing to do...and I really would...I encourage anybody to come forward to try to show me how that would affect the number of suits. Changing slight gross does not increase the number of suits, Senator Robinson. It does not increase the number of suits and I've seen no data to reflect that anywhere, anyplace.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I guess I reflect on what happened up at the Oakland Schools which is in my subdivision. Of course, they paid a...they're paying off a million dollars and...

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's current law though.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, I know it, but I guess what concerns me with my 15 towns and several school districts and so forth, what could happen to some of those little towns that I have. I have about five or six of them that are from 300 to 500, and I'm not convinced yet that they're not going to be included in some four or five million dollar lawsuit. And they might...the town might be toppled.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. I think Senator Robinson really, since the beginning of this debate, has asked really some of the best questions that I have heard on this issue. And, in fact, the questions that he asked on the first day of the debate really started the discussion with Senator Kristensen about economic, noneconomic damages. And so I appreciate Senator Robinson's questions because they're darn good ones. Let me just comment a little bit on the Oakland case for you, Senator Robinson. First of all, that case was brought under current law. That's under current law so the change in the law is not going to increase or decrease the number of lawsuits like the Oakland case. It just isn't going to happen. But I would like to reverse that just a little bit. If we wanted to exclude...if we wanted to exclude, for example, the