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SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: It is definitely to their advantage if they see that as 49 percent at loss, particularly one who does litigation like that. Okay, nevertheless, not only am I concerned about the average person and business person who would be affected by this, but I do not see why if we inflict that on the average person, business person, why we should let the municipalities and the state off the hook. And, Senator Warner, if you would yield, I would like to ask you that question. Senator Warner, could I ask you a question? I'm having a terrible time and have opposed this change in the law and I don't know if you oppose the change per se, but it bothers me if we think it is not right for a citizen, why we would think it's not right...or if we think it's right for the average citizen, why it is not right for political subdivisions and the state. Could you just reiterate that for me?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Senator Pirsch, my position is that, with some exceptions which I think should be noted, I agree that it ought to be the same but the exceptions are unique to the government and not to the private sector and in those cases they ought to be treated differently in the case of liability. And the obvious ones, to me, as I have indicated, are such things as inspections. Inspection, as a practical matter, is good that day, that moment it's done. The next day, for all kinds of reasons, an inspection may or may not be any longer valid, and yet...

SENATOR PIRSCH: And I tend to...

SENATOR WARNER: ...there could be a responsibility.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, thank you. I tend to agree with that and, in fact, I introduced a bill which dealt with elevator inspections and relieved the municipalities or the inspectors from liability. But they are under the same standard now. I guess my point is that what's good for the goose is good for the gander and we have not many exemptions in the present day law, but when we see this changing our entire tort system, rules being changed, I think that's when everyone gets nervous who indeed is the deep pocket which the political subdivisions and the state is.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.