

Senator Abboud and I did, and, quite frankly, a number of people have come up to me and asked me, you know, is 88 in good shape? Is 88...is it something we can move along? Is it a good bill? Yes, it is. LB 88 is in good shape. LB 88 is something that I plan to vote for and advance, and I've told Senator Ashford that. However, what is not in good shape is LB 262. And, Senator Robinson, I want to speak to your questions a little bit and if I'm off base and I don't necessarily need a response from you but you brought up a question about expanding those exposures. There is nothing that we'll do on the legislative floor today or in the coming weeks that will stop necessarily the numbers of accidents of people getting injured and getting hurt. What we have control over is how they behave once they receive those injuries and have those problems. The reason that LB 262 and the inspections are so important to me is because we are switching from a system of slight gross to a system of comparative fault. And, under your examples, if that person who was involved and sued the school, for example, if their negligence was a little more than slight and the school district was less than gross, the school district is going to win. With LB 88 that will no longer necessarily be the law. You will take the percentage of whatever that plaintiff contributed to their injuries and reduce that. Therein lies the exposure, in my mind, to a wide variety of numbers of subdivisions and to the state. And you will say then, well, they're like everyone else. In my mind, they're not like everyone else, they have some unique exposures. They have things, they're open 24 hours a day for public service because we mandate that they are. We mandate that we have roads, we have schools. We have a wide variety of exposures. That is why and only reason why I would ever do anything differently with them, as I would any other individual. Can we do things to lessen their exposure but still keep the system of services going? Yes, I believe that's what LB 262 can do. And, quite frankly, I'm going to vote for LB 88. I'm going to vote to move that bill along. But what I'm asking you to do is to take Senator Warner's comments to heart. And the only way that LB 262 is going to get considered is for us to consider all the political subdivisions together and the state together. Now the testimony at the hearing with the State Risk Manager is what generated me to do this. I had this in the second half of my amendment with the joint and several liability. Because of a germaneness ruling, we weren't able to discuss it. So it's back properly in LB 262 where it belongs. I would like to discuss all the political subdivisions together at that point in time. With that, I think it makes a lot of sense. Would I have liked