

continue to support Senator Abboud because I guess I don't know how long we have known about this but this is the first I have heard about it and I'm...I don't expect to be drawn in on any conversations regarding tort and tort reform, by any means. Maybe a letter every now and then that this...we have discovered this problem...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...we will be pressed at the end of session to address it and as far as I know I haven't even received a courtesy note of that sort that said, Senator Morrissey, we know you don't really have a good grasp on tort reform but we are making some changes and this is a summary of what we are going to try and do in the last minute, in crunch time. So I'm going to continue to support Senator Abboud. I face up to the reality of the liabilities of my job because, indeed, it is important to the safety of the public. The railroad, when something...a sign goes out overnight, a cross arm goes up, they are liable, they send their people out to flag that cross arm because it is broken off for as long as it takes until the cross arm is repaired. I can only think that the state, unless I am completely misunderstanding this, the state should be equally liable and should thus...we should retain, or maybe at least discuss this in a little bit more depth than we are now and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...I think the liability helps them be more responsible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. I'll recognize Senator Abboud for a change in his amendment. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes, Madam President, I would like to change the amendment from striking Section 10 to striking Section 11; that deals more adequately with the issue that is addressed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, due to the time frame that we are operating under, this bill was only on here and it was at my discretion and the bill will now be taken off the agenda.