

guarantor of everyone's safety and happiness. Those are standards at a minimum. The language used in LB 262 is almost verbatim used in other states, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, for example, and to a large extent the Federal Tort Claims Act and the reason that we use those languages so in the future when the courts look for guidelines on how to interpret this that there is some intent or there are some guidelines to go by because LB 88 that was passed last year, good piece of legislation, is going to have some gray areas that just need to be interpreted and so the courts are going to look at those areas to do that. Recent court decisions have eroded a little bit of the public duty doctrine and with the change to comparative fault no longer are the cities, the state, and the political subdivisions protected by the slight gross rule that we did away with in LB 88. LB 262 intends to return that protection to the various government entities. It has been a compromise that has been worked out by almost everyone conceivable, particularly the cities and the political subdivisions, as well as the Governor's office and representatives from the Trial Lawyers Association. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions about LB 262 at this point. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on LB 262? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 262. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 262. Have you all voted? Voting on the advancement of LB 262. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 262 advances. We will now go to LB 522.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 522 was introduced by Senators Dierks, Conway, Robak, Pirsch and Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of last year, was referred to the Education Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks, are you handling the committee amendments? Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I am in an enviable position. I believe I get to