

"wound" was interpreted to mean that the dog had to bite you and we all know that you can be harmed in some other way by animals and so that's all that I am trying to address with this. I would commend Senator Chambers for bringing the issue up in front of the body and I would hope that he would address the issue more thoroughly next year. But the bill had a full hearing. Senator (sic) or Claude Berreckman, an attorney from Cozad was down, he heard the bill, testified for the bill and it's...he had the case where the lady broke her pelvis and could not recover damages. So if you have any questions on this I'd be glad to answer them. There is nothing evil about this. There is nothing...I'm not trying to increase liability of dog owners, but it just seems to me like an injustice was done and I think it's time that we do a little correcting here and hopefully Senator Chambers will come back with a more comprehensive bill next year. But, until then, I think this bill does make our statutes better and I would ask for your consideration of this legislation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I, too, support Senator Schrock in his effort. It does only seem fair. I remember a discussion about this in the Judiciary Committee and Senator Chambers is correct in his assertion but, again, it simply is not fair. I happened to have had almost the same experience except I didn't get a pelvis or a back broke but a Saint Bernard dog of our neighbor's jumped on me as I left the pickup and maybe had I been ten more years down the road in my age I may have had a broken bone and it simply is not fair to classify it as an open wound because you can get a back or a leg twisted or whatever, or an arm, and still not be an open wound. This same dog, happened to be a good neighbor of ours, bit my boy through his leather gloves and it was a new pair of leather gloves too and severely damaged the ligaments in his hand or fingers. So it is a concern and I certainly support Senator Schrock in his effort. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Growling, barking) That was for a reason. Now I have a little French poodle here with me. No, when I spoke English you weren't paying attention. When I spoke "dog" you all listened. Here's what I want to ask Senator Schrock. Senator Schrock, I want to ask you a question in English. Were