

because he's at least driving a vehicle, in control of a vehicle. And so why would we differentiate how we treat one victim and not another? And, finally, let me remind you, it seems like so many of you who are interested in raising this bill have been voting in favor of crime victims payments, payments by government to crime victims even though the government isn't negligent. Why do you do that? Why do you do that? Why should we ever pay crime victims? Why should we pay crime victims when we don't pay victims of police chases who are not criminals? Why do we...why is the nature of the incident distinguishing in this case? I don't think you can distinguish it in your mind. And I think we ought to give the Judiciary Committee an opportunity to put a little more pressure for a little better situation for...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Would like to recognize in the north balcony guests of Senator Crosby. We have eight students from Irving Middle School, along with their teacher. If you would please stand and be recognized, we would like to welcome you to the body. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. Speaker, I would yield the first minute of my time to Senator Robak.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. I'll try to talk fast. I am a member of the Judiciary Committee and I did vote to kill the high-speed chase bill, and I'll call it high-speed chase because that's what it is. And I don't believe I was confused. I was at the hearing and I listened to all the testimony and that was when I formulated in my mind how I was going to vote. One of the issues that I would like to take up with...and, Senator Lindsay, you can stop me when I'm using up that minute. Senator Maurstad, I would like to ask a question of you in your little handout if you're...are you willing to answer a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR ROBAK: In your little handout, you have if an officer had been negligent, how would an officer be proved negligent? This is for the benefit of those that did not hear the bill in committee, since we're trying to pull it out of committee, which I object to because that's why we have committees. If we want