

taken that person's legs, we might as well leave them their dignity. Let me talk to you about the person who showed up in committee. This is a woman who I watched through two hours of testimony. I watched her have to bend forward and move because she was so uncomfortable, and that happens when you're paralyzed from the neck down. She was so uncomfortable. Through that entire time she stuck around and testified against this, and she's not going to get another dime out of it. But what she saw is action taken...going to be taken by this Legislature that is wrong. And she testified...let me read you a little bit of it. She starts off saying, "It's really hard to speak. I'm not against police chases. I believe that when you break the law you should be punished for it. But, as an innocent bystander, I sat and listened to people talk here today and I have listened to how they feel that there should be...you should be able to get the money from third parties. Third parties should get it from liability insurance on the cars. In my case, the gentleman who was driving the car that hit me, he was drunk. He has out of state plates on his car and no insurance. He was on his way home. He knew that he had been drinking but he was on his way home until the police chased him and chased him into me. I had a great life. I haven't benefited a lot from suing the city. The only thing that I have accomplished is I have a home now that I can get around in. I don't have the freedom in my life that everybody else takes for granted and I think about the lady, that the Mayor brought up, who died. That was Thanksgiving night. And now there's three little kids that have no mom. And most of the innocent third party people are dead. I'm one of the lucky one, I lived, and I have to live like this for the rest of my life. And I want everybody to remember, you may not see me every day, but I'm going to be out there, and when you look around and just think this could be your wife, your daughter, somebody in your family." And that's what we're talking about. We're talking about a woman who was on her way home. No control whatsoever when the police chased a car that hit her, I think she...I think the testimony was at 100 miles an hour and snapped her neck. And what we want to do is not provide her...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...with the basic living expenses. That's the biggest, by the way, the biggest single judgment that the city had to pay. Out of that case was well over half of everything that they've paid to date, half of everything that they've paid