

to date. The problem is simply being...we're simply shifting that away and saying when the police try to defend society against drunk drivers, against fleeing felons, or against people who happen to have a broken taillight, and when they drive 100 miles an hour through a residential street, if they happen to hit into people, which, as Senator Hall mentioned to you from the police training video, it's what they try to make you do, they want to cause an accident, and when they do, you better hope it's not you or your family, because this Legislature wants to take away your ability to live with some sense of dignity.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of Senator Maurstad's motion to place LB 863 on the floor before us. I think this is an issue that belongs, everybody in the senate here or in the Legislature belong...deserve to discuss this on the floor, not just eight people. This is very, very serious. I think it's a wise attempt to try and bring it back because I've served on Judiciary. This is my third year. This bill continually comes up. We heard testimony on this, on both the two pursuit bills, both testimony in support of it. I think it's important this morning. Knowing this bill was going to come up, I visited with our Mayor in Grand Island. I visited with our sheriff in Hall County. I visited with our Chief of Police. They support this concept. They believe that LB 863 is a good answer. I was told over and over that their big concern is liability when they do a chase, and it happens, and if we don't, say, for instance, when President Reagan was in Grand Island, suppose somebody, an assassin took a shot or killed him? What are we going to do? Yes, we're going to pursue if he tries to make an attempt. We have to have that right. I know that some of the victims do happen. There are third innocent victims and they should be rewarded and I do feel that a million and some dollars is more than adequate compensation for Nebraska. You can't bring them back and I feel sorry for them. I know that I have taken acceptance of risk. I've been there. I know what it is and driving on some of these streets that's going to happen and I don't know how you're going to stop it. But we...and another case that they were talking about that it just happened in Grand Island in Hall County. There was a pursuit. There was a third party injured. Under the present law, the Hall County Sheriff's Department was sued in addition to the police chase, and they were not even in the area. This bill would put a priority, put some contributory negligence in place,