

the body to proceed?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Roll call.

SPEAKER WITHEM: When all members that are not excused are present we will have a roll call vote on the question of ceasing debate. Senator Hartnett, could you check in, please. And we're looking for Senator Preister. Senator Maurstad says it's okay to go ahead with the roll call vote. The question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1218 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is now ceased. Senator Maurstad, to close.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the discussion has been excellent and is a good example of why it would be beneficial to bring LB 63 (sic) to the floor so that we can discuss it more than likely next year. LB 63 (sic) provides that all negligent parties would be responsible for their share of damages provided under the Nebraska comparative negligence statutes. In the absence of negligence, innocent victims are protected and compensated by each law enforcement entity involved in equal proportion. The third thing that the bill does is adds the collateral source doctrine to be applied to amounts collected by an innocent third party. I want to stress that the examples that were given by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in my opinion, would not be handled any differently than what they were. The individual, under the current statute, was not completely made whole. In situations like that and many others, not only in police pursuit chases but in other situations, people cannot be made whole. That's unfortunate. But this bill doesn't change, doesn't change that. Once again, I encourage the body to support this motion. I believe that it is a reasonable approach to this issue. It will give the body the opportunity to provide even more scrutiny than what was provided in the limited time this morning as we debate and deliberate this issue on the floor. I appreciate everybody that's assisted. Once again, I want to recognize the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He has been extremely considerate and the work of the committee. I also want to mention Senator Beutler who certainly has provided encouragement and assistance