

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. We are waiting for Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Wehrbein, Senator Vrtiska, Senator Matzke, Senator Chambers, Senator McKenzie and Senator Wesely. Waiting for Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Wesely. Waiting for Senator Wesely. Senator Hall, we're unable to locate Senator Wesely. Would you like to proceed? The question before the body is the adoption of the Hall amendment to the committee amendments to LB 750. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. There has been a request for a roll call vote. Again, the question before you is the adoption of the Hall amendment to the committee amendments to LB 750. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 1306-07 of the Legislative Journal.) 9 ayes, 21 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Hall amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Abboud would move to amend. (AM2307 appears on page 2307 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud to open on his amendment.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Madam President, members, the amendment is simple. It reinstates the language that was stricken earlier by the Kristensen amendment and changes the date for the statute of repose from 40 years to 20 years. I'm sure you're all aware the issue of tort reform was addressed by the federal government. The House and the Senate debated the issue. The Senate version which was a much scaled back version in a lot of different areas, but it dealt with areas of products liability, provided for a 20 year statute of repose. The Senate version provided for the statute of repose, it put a cap on the amount of years that a state could provide for a statute of repose from unlimited as it...list that was provided by Senator Will. I believe around 40 states have a, a little under 40 states currently have no statute of repose. The Senate version provides for a 20 year statute of repose. As Senator Kristensen has pointed out, this issue has been before the body. It will probably continue to be before the body so maybe one time the votes will switch back and forth and back and forth, but this is one way to conclude the matter. It's my belief that the federal version, when they meet in conference will end up with a 20 year