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anyway, (laughter), so with that, how much time do I have left, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, I would just encourage the body to stand by the wisdom of the Judiciary Committee and resist this motion, and to consider everything that Senator Lindsay has said, and the good points that Senator Chambers has said about this. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem and members of the Legislature, Senator Maurstad, as you know, from time to time I've kind of toyed with whether what we are doing in this area is the right thing or not the right thing. I do support high-speed chases. Listening to you and looking at your bill again, let me tell you what my main problem is, and I never seem to get over this hump. I don't think I can get over it today, to be frank with you. I don't think I can support the motion. But let me express what the problem is for me, and perhaps you can address it. It's the whole concept of trying to bring the idea of negligence into an activity that is inherently dangerous. What does negligence say. It says if you are following a standard of care, you will not be responsible to pay damages. What would the standard of care be in this instance. I suppose it might be an outlined set of police policies that say you can do this, and you can do this, and you can do this. But you and I both know that that standard set of policies has to be designed to capture, not to care. It has to be designed to capture because that's what the activity is all about. It's got to say that you can run through intersections. It's got to say you can go at high speeds. And once it says all those things, are we going to say, yes, you can follow that policy that let's you do all these inherently dangerous things, and then exculpate you from liability or from making whole people who are innocent and hurt. That's why I have always gone back in the end to the need for strict liability, the need to spread the damage over the whole population, essentially, and have us all pay for an activity that we think is important because there really is no way to bring negligence into this kind of setting. And I guess it's not a question, in this particular instance, of some driver recklessly getting...causing the pursuit and getting away with