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it, because even under the current law, even with strict liability, the city pays. The city makes whole the innocent party, but the city can go back against the reckless driver, the person being pursued, anybody else who has caused the problem, I believe. And those are the ideas or the questions that I always have that prevent me from supporting the position of the municipalities in this kind of question. Tell me how negligence can really be fairly applied to this...in this setting. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad, you are recognized to close. And I also understand, Senator Maurstad, you have requested a roll call vote in reverse order, is that correct?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that's true, and I guess might as well put the house under call as I begin.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. All members not present, please return. Senator Maurstad, it is your option to either begin your closing or wait until everyone is present, but the time counts against you.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I will go ahead and begin, Mr. Speaker. Obviously, from the discussion we've had this morning that there are going to be strong feelings on this issue. I think that's something that everybody was aware of prior to the deliberation this morning. So I'm not going to get into the specifics of the bill, but I would like to indicate, first of all, there's been a