

SENATOR MAURSTAD: LB 952 provides clearer direction than existing statute when multiple law enforcement agencies are involved in a vehicular pursuit. In addition, by requiring all involved parties to be accountable for their financial responsibility, it decreases the exposed public entities, such as the state of Nebraska and the city of Omaha, that self-insure against the cost of law enforcement pursuits. While most local governments are currently able to purchase affordable liability insurance to protect their taxpayers, the insurance market has a history of being very volatile and highly unpredictable. I believe that the changes proposed in LB 952 would establish the circumstances needed to maintain the availability and affordability of this vital insurance protection for Nebraska communities, especially the smaller ones. Madam President, this bill provides a proper balance between the two public policy interests. I am prepared to address any concerns and answer any questions the members might have. And, with that, Madam President, I would move to advance LB 952 to Select File.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a series of amendments. I have a priority motion from the Speaker, but I understand he wanted to withdraw that priority motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, a series of amendments. Senator Maurstad, as principal introducer, has the prerogative to have his amendments considered first, consistent with our legislative rules. Senator Maurstad, I have in front of me, Senator, AM3206. But I have a note, Senator,...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: 3161? You going to do 3161 first?

CLERK: 3161, right, that's...yeah, that's what it should be, excuse me. (AM)3161, and it's on Journal page 809, Senator.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. AM3161 makes a minor change and actually is a clarification on page 2, line 9, and page 3, line 21, by inserting, before the word "vehicle", "contributorily negligent". This was brought to my attention by the Motor Vehicle Dealers Association and other business