

judgment against an individual who was involved in one of these accidents, but they said they probably will not be able to recover because he doesn't have anything. Now the city has said that, the city has gotten such a judgment and who does Senator Maurstad put in this bill that the innocent third party has to be bothered with? The driver. The city can go against a driver now, has done so and gotten judgments. But they are not collectible because the person has nothing, so you give this innocent third party, in addition to being victimized by a state policy, a cynical, empty sack that the Legislature knew was empty when it put it out there. The law as it stands now spreads the cost throughout the society. There are instances where people not as directly involved in a policy have to pay anyway. What about the 50-cent tax per month for 9-1-1? You're not making it a fee-based service, where only those who use it have to pay it. And most people will not use 9-1-1, but we all contribute to it, we all do. And there are other instances like that. But this is one where there is an affirmative state policy that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that results in injury to a person. Senator Maurstad is going to nick and pick and play and piddle around the edges, but the real issue is that there is an attempt to make it as difficult as possible for the innocent third party to be compensated. And after we've wasted a certain amount of time, I want to see if you all are prepared to go ahead and spend 24 hours on it, because I'm going to do all I can to stop this. And I know there are cities and others who are probably lobbying for it. I have the 24 hours. If we spend it here, we won't spend it on Senator Lindsay's abortion bill, so it makes me no difference.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay, followed by Senators Bohlke and Maurstad.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. If I could ask Senator Maurstad a question about his amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Maurstad, the purpose...let me back