

hoops to jump through. I'm going to offer that bracket motion and the body can decide if it wants to take all that time or if it can see what we're dealing with here.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Maurstad, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Looking at the language, employing an officer, damage shall be paid to a third party by the state employing an officer in direct proportion to the fault allocated among the person, and then it goes on to indicate who they are. My question to you, Senator Maurstad, is, if in fact the driver doesn't have any insurance and doesn't have any money, and the allocation of fault is divided among the driver, the state, whoever, and that perso. doesn't have any money or doesn't have any insurance, then who's going to pick up that cost for that share?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The cost of that share, dealing with economic damages, is picked up by the governmental entity. The cost associated, if there is any, with the noneconomic damages is not picked up.

SENATOR VRTISKA: In other words, you're saying if the person didn't have any money and they were in fact...would share a part of the liability, and they didn't have any money, somebody else would step in and pick up that share that they weren't able to pay?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The share associated with the economic damages would be picked up by those that remained.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. That was something I wasn't quite clear about, and I wanted to get your...your view of what would in fact happen. I might have another question a little later on, but right now I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Bromm, if he'd like to ask a question. Thank you, Senator Maurstad.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Lindsay.