

can be a long and arduous process.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: Evaluating the damages, determining the amount of long-term disability, those are questions that have to be wrestled with now. And the innocent victims have to have attorneys, they have to pursue that, and they have to file claims with political subdivisions and go through the court process. And this...I mean it's not like they don't have to do that now, because they do. I think the policy question is, what kind of a safety net do we want to provide? It's a public policy question, to some extent, to pursue the perpetrators of crimes. I think it's a public policy question that the public would say that we definitely...we need to have pursued. Under the appropriate circumstances, as long as the officers use good judgment and it's a serious enough offense to pursue, I think the public would say overwhelmingly they want the criminals pursued.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: How do you provide the safety net? That is the question that's before us today.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I want to answer a couple questions that were raised. One, Senator Chambers rhetorically asked, what becomes of these people who are injured and aren't compensated for those injuries? I'd suggest each of you who's on Appropriations Committee ought to take a good, long look at that, because we know what happens to them. We know whose ward they become. If they can't work, they don't have any money, every dime they had was either paid voluntarily or taken through the courts to pay for their hospital expenses, we know who's going to pay that bill. Maybe we'd be better off saying LB 952 is property tax relief, because we're going to shift those dollars from the county or the city, who's responsible for it, to the state, who had no control over that chase whatsoever. So let's not kid ourselves about who's going to take...who's going to have responsibility. If somebody can't take care of themselves, and Rose Cappiello, who testified before the committee, a quadriplegic, who told us thank you for