

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: We want the injured victim, who's a quadriplegic and can't get out of her bedroom, to collect that. That's who we want to collect that from the fleeing driver, when the city of Omaha can't do it. When we have a limited amount of dollars, and the city likes this bill because it reduces how much they have to pay, let's think about it. Who's going to bear the brunt? It's going to be that innocent victim. And as long as that's...as long as we know that's where our policy issue is, then at least we're honest about what we're voting on. We are voting on whether that innocent party should or should not bear the brunt of that, and then ultimately whether this body is going to appropriate dollars in the future to cover their health care costs and their other costs of living.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, because I have said this is such a poorly drafted bill, I want to help show you some additional examples. You know that Richardson County has no money. If you look at this bill, it's going to make liable all public entities whose law enforcement officers initiated, participated in, or terminated the pursuit. Now let's say that the State Patrol starts a chase outside Richardson County. A Richardson County deputy sees what's happening and this car is going to approach a populated area, maybe it's a club or something, and the trooper doesn't know about it. So this deputy calls and says, we need to call this chase off because there is danger ahead, and then "bam," there's an accident. Has the fact that this deputy tried to terminate the chase made Richardson County liable? Let's say that the chase originates in Richardson County, right at the border, and the deputy stops at the border, and the State Patrol picks it up and they run all the way across the state. And that's why I gave you that example of the 108-mile chase, so you won't think I'm exaggerating when I say they'll run somebody 108 miles and have these different law enforcement groups caravaning behind the car. The deputy from Richardson County is out of it. The accident happens in Omaha, and the amount to be recovered is the full \$1 million allowed under the cap. Richardson County is in it too, because Richardson County initiated the chase and went two blocks and gave it up. But they all are in it together. Does that make sense to all of you all? This bill sounds