

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And obviously, you know in our discussions that I am trying to present the bill in as forthright a manner as possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you know that negligence does not have to be established now. You know that under the present law. Is that correct? Or you don't know that.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: You have to establish proximate cause.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's not negligence.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I...Senator Lindsay pointed that out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. Senator Maurstad, are you aware that the Supreme Court has ruled on the present law and established what it means, that it does establish strict liability? In other words, we're not dealing in a vacuum now, we know how the Supreme Court has construed this law. Were you aware that the Supreme Court has ruled on this law? The law that is on the books now.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So now, if you bring in this material you're talking about, we embark on a whole new line of decisional law. Correct?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You have a number of amendments up there of your own, don't you?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I have one...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To this bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...one amendment I would consider my own dealing with some training restrictions. The others I've, I've entered on behalf of others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're offering several other amendments?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Um-hum, yes, yes.