

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...with contributory fault. And the contributory fault is an extremely important situation here. There's some assumption of the risk. If you have individuals who are out watching a chase occur, you still need to keep that concept that they assume some risk for injury or damages. It isn't always that somebody innocently steps off the curb and gets hit by a hundred-mile-an-hour cruiser. There are others that were following, who are participating, who travel too closely, do a variety of things that make them assume some risk by just being in the vicinity. So with that, I know my time's growing short, I would hope...and, Senator Maurstad, I don't know if you and Senator Chambers have worked out any agreement, I would hope that you could take a brief bracket for a week or two, and if there's some things you can work, if not, the motion to indefinitely postpone is probably in order. If the body feels so inclined, I'd do that. And I don't know whether at this point in time if we have anything worked out, so I'll return my time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you very much. I rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' bracket motion. Not that it was an unexpected motion, and I think everybody already knows how we're going to vote. But before we get to the vote on this, and I know this will probably be the only opportunity for time that Senator Maurstad gets on this bill, I guess the question that keeps going through my mind is, why can't Nebraska... we are the only state that has strict liability. Why is it always us, that we're the only state, or we're one of two or three states that don't have these laws in. You have to start asking yourself if there's other factors at work here in the state of Nebraska and in this Legislature. And that's what I continually do after four years in here, and working on different pieces of crime legislation, carrying a bill like Senator Maurstad's bill that was killed in Judiciary. Most of these bills are killed in Judiciary, and Senator Maurstad was able to pull his bill out, at least for some discussion purposes here, but there is, you know, at least ten amendments filed on it from Senator Lindsay and the other trial attorneys. So, I mean, we knew that we were going to go for quite a length of time here. I think I was pretty sure that a bracket motion would be put up to say, you