

If that's what you want to see, you'll defeat the bracket motion. There is no form of this bill which will not reduce the amount that the innocent third party will receive. There is no form of this bill which will not draw more parties into the litigation. And when you draw more parties into the litigation, you extend it, you increase the amount of time it takes for the injured party to receive whatever he or she will be entitled to. And in some cases that could be a fatal amount of time. It's not an exaggeration or an overstatement if you were to see the damage suffered by some of these victims. And there is so much talk on the floor about victims' rights. This is common decency that I'm talking about. It is a responsibility that the Legislature should have no problem or any qualm about assuming. If an innocent member of this society is harmed because of an act of the state, the state should make that person whole. That's all that the present law says. That's all that it says. If your piece of land cannot be taken from you by the state without adequate compensation, are you going to say the state should be able to take somebody's legs? The state should be able to take somebody's companionship? It should be able to take somebody's child? It should take the vitality that a person had? And because the cities want a convenience, we will not allow to human beings the same consideration...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we give to a piece of property. Human beings are worthy of more than that. This Legislature should be better than that. So I hope you will vote to adopt this bracket motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before the body is the adoption of the bracket motion to LB 952. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will ask for a call of the house and I'll accept call-in votes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on placing the house