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LB 952

Maurstad. There was an amendment to that by Senator Lindsay. I have a note that I believe Senator Lindsay was going to withdraw his amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Lindsay? I do not see Senator Lindsay, Mr. Clerk. Senator Maurstad, would you like to reoffer your amendment?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to substitute Amendment 3966 for the pending amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Is that a request? Been...Senator Maurstad has made a request for unanimous consent to withdraw and substitute. No objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator, I now have in front of me AM3966. (See page 1386 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSLN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, AM3966 to LB 952 proposes to change Nebraska's law enforcement vehicular pursuit liability law. I would like to thank Senator Lindsay, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senators Brashear, Beutler, Bromm, and Senator Bernard-Stevens, the cointroducer of LB 952, for co..ntroducing AM3966 and for their support, along with Senator Chambers of the compromise that this amendment represents. If AM3966 becomes...AM...if adopted, AM3966 becomes the law. I have passed out a summary of the amendment and will take a few minutes to explain what the amendment does and dcesn't accomplish. First of all, it doesn't change the uniqueness of Nebraska's current law. Nebraska will continue to stand alone in requiring state and local government to be responsible for reimbursing an innocent third party for the damages proximately caused by a law enforcement officer during a vehicular pursuit. However, AM3966 does provide that all responsible parties, not exclusively our taxpayer-supported villages, cities, counties and state, and all available resources, not exclusively the taxes generated by our villages, cities, counties and state, will be accessible to governmental entities upon payment to innocent victims of a police chase. AM3966 amends Section 13-911 governing political subdivisions, and 81-8215.01 governing the state by authorizing them to seek reimbursement from other relevant sources. First, upon payment by a political