

drafts that I've presented for their consideration. And, last but not least, I want to thank my colleagues who supported the motion to bring this bill to the floor for debate and who resisted the motion to bracket the bill to April 15, allowing me the opportunity to pursue, no pun intended, a remedy to this issue. With that, Madam President, I move for the adoption of AM3966 and the subsequent advancement of LB 952 and would relinquish any time remaining to Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay, you have about two and a half minutes. I don't see Senator Lindsay. For discuss...so we will move ahead. For discussion on the Maurstad amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the first thing I want to indicate is how Senator Maurstad and I were able to come together and reach an agreement on an issue which a few days ago or a couple of weeks ago seemed to be at such an impasse that nothing could be done. It was all my way, which would be kill the bill, or all Senator Maurstad's way, which meant kill the bill. But he was willing to work. He went through agony, I'm sure, because he's had to talk to me face to face on several occasions and when we're not in agreement I don't think that's pleasant for anybody except me. But, nevertheless, the major issue that I have concern about deals with the innocent third party. That third party is protected under this amendment, and I'm going to give Senator Maurstad an extra bit of credit with what he did. He rose from a private in the trenches to a general with four stars, and I'm going to offer a fifth one for this reason. Under the law as it exists now, there is a cap that limits what these political subdivisions will pay in the event of a legitimate claim against them. What Senator Maurstad has done by the way he has fashioned this amendment is to say that in the first instance the innocent third party is paid and if it takes the person up to the cap but he or she or they have additional damages, at the point where the city or the political subdivision, whichever it is, begins to recoup from these other sources, if that's possible, the first payout would again go to help those damages suffered by the innocent third party which could not be met because of the cap. So what Senator Maurstad has done is to show that maybe too many cooks can spoil a broth, but if you have the right bakers you can come up with a stupendous cake. Not only do we have a delicious cake, but Senator Maurstad has