

but also on his tenaciousness. He kept coming back, wouldn't take no. But in any event I think it does reach what Senator Maurstad, when he introduced the bill and as we discussed through, went through the process of discussing what the goals and intentions of the bill, as introduced, were, I think it accomplishes those goals that he was aiming to. Obviously, it wouldn't go as far as he'd like to see it go. It goes farther than maybe some of us would like to see it go, but I guess that's the nature of compromise, and it's something I think that both sides could live with. It's something I think that both sides are comfortable with. The issues, I think Senator Maurstad's done an excellent job of actually describing what the effect is and how the process would work. I think it's something that gives more clarity to the cities. They should be able to project exactly what their process is going to be and gives them some opportunities to recover additional dollars to reimburse while, at the same time, protecting the innocent party from not getting less than what the innocent party...the extent of that innocent party's damage. And so I think it does a good job of balancing those competing interests. Again, I think it's a good amendment and I will be supporting it and, again, like I mentioned, I appreciate Senator Maurstad's willingness to work on it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, especially the colleagues of the Judiciary Committee and a few people behind the glass, trial attorneys, might remember that I made the motion to advance this bill out of committee and it didn't go anywhere. It was killed. And then when I was one of the deciding votes to bring it back to the floor the great chase was on to get me down to my office before one of you got ahold of me. And my whole thought all along was that something can be worked out on this and if it didn't get to the point where the innocent third party was still going to get what they had coming in the past then I wasn't going to support it. I commend all of you who worked on it and hope that in the future that we can take a look at the fact that these things aren't all settled one side or the other and it's over. By bringing this bill back to the floor, notwithstanding the committee's action, we have come up with a compromise that all sides are happy with and I commend you people for working on it. Thank you.