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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right, the fact...the fact is they...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...okay, sustained and then the death occurred.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right. And I can tell you my firm's had children who were killed and who got less money than this, but who didn't...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...I mean, what...what put more money here was the fact that the young man lived for a period of time and incurred expenses. But you know...and you're going to start talking real hard of hearts here, but, quite frankly, if you're looking at lost wages, a 15 year old doesn't have any lost wages. That's usually the...a good measure of damages. He doesn't have that in this case. There's more pain and suffering, perhaps, in a case like this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then how can the state run the risk of losing more than what's offered here? This would seem then to be overly generous.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well, but I think that every lawsuit has the potential of winning and losing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in your mind this has the potential of producing more than the amount here, potentially.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: From the state's point of view?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: From the state's point of view, yes. But I got to tell you, if I was advising the family, and the family has agreed to that figure, they also realize they could go and get less. What...you know, it...it is a risk, anytime you go to court...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. You can continue though, Senator Kristensen, your light is next.