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limit or restriction on the Legislature being able to establish such caps, if you are aware or can recall?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I'm not aware.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, the reason...I have several reasons I'm dealing with this bill. But the reason I'm discussing this matter about the caps is because a bill is before us that I agree with, a bill that I intend to support, one which I believe the body is going to support. So my discussion in no way jeopardizes this bill. But it gives me a chance to accomplish two things. Put some things in the record so that the public will not think that by--and I'm going to go into this in more detail--by our enacting this bill we are in any way increasing the amount of recovery that is available. Sometimes headlines over stories that relate to what we have done can be misleading to the public, not only as to the contents of the story, which itself may be misleading, but with reference to the nature of the act by the Legislature that the story is dealing with. I think that's all I'll say at this time, and I will withdraw that pending amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA1495. (Legislative Journal page 780.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1495 to the committee amendments to LB 998.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, on the committee amendment, on the sheet of paper that contains the committee amendments, you will see in line 10, Section 6. And that Section 6 embraces the lines 10 through 14, for the record. This proposal that I'm offering would strike Section 6. And I will withdraw that amendment before we take a vote on it. I would like to ask Senator Brashear a question or two, if he would respond.