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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I join with all those who have preceded me in speaking in support of the Wehrbein amendment with...I am not going to repeat that which others have said. And Senator Beutler made a point that I want to elaborate on just briefly. I don't think we even want to act as if, or give credence to the concept, that wards of the state are in relationship to the state as children are in relationship to parents. If we put aside the issue...I appreciate Senator Raikes' sensitivity to the wards of the state issue and how wonderful many, all of these children are and how we want to help them and everything else. Focus on the state aspect of it. The state doesn't have the rights in relationship to wards which parents have in relationship to children, so I don't think we even ought to...although it's tempting to make that analogy, I think it's simplistic and in error. And so I think we ought not go there and I think we ought to support the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I continue to support the Wehrbein amendment, but I want to make a correction with respect to what I said previously, because it wasn't entirely accurate and the committee had more of an argument than I thought they had. But let me just read you...I had indicated that I thought that had there been real parents of this child who had damaged the car, would those parents have been liable. And here's what the statute says on that. The parents shall be jointly and severally liable for the willful and intentional infliction of personal injury to any person or destruction of real or personal property occasioned by their minor residing with them. And then that liability, in the case of personal injury, is limited to \$1,000 per occasion. So if they were real...if the real parents were involved here, who were supposedly exercising control over their natural child, then they would have been liable to a lawsuit for the damage of the property and so that...that is that situation. But the question beyond that, as Senator Brashear has indicated, is whether you want to treat the state as a parent or you do not. Thank you.