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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. And I explained it previously, but let me reiterate a couple of points, and they are this; that I think from purely a statutory clarification standpoint, purely from a policy standpoint, notwithstanding whether we have any threatened, pending, or current litigation, this statute ought to be changed. And to borrow something that Senator Brashear emphasized the other day, if I had known about this nine years ago, I would have done it. If I'd a known about it eight years ago, I would have done it. Senator Mines, if I'd a known about it seven years ago...(laugh) I'm just kidding. No, I would have changed...I would have proposed to change this had I known about it earlier, really, because what we're doing is we're proposing to tie the interest rate nto 45-103, our current statutory rate on judgments for every other kind of judgment, which is interest shall be at a rate equal to 2 percentage points about the bond investment yield as published by the Treasurer of the United States for 26-week U.S. Treasury Bills. So it's that interest right now, which is about 1.3 or so, and so it would be at 3.3. There have been times in the past where that would be much, much higher, but it ties into what the market it. And so I would encourage the body to do it and I...if...no matter what stage of the litigation we're in with any potential case, I still think this ought to be changed. And I do think the state, in years ahead, is even more vulnerable to mega lawsuits than we have been in the past. I mean I just think that's the trend. People are pursuing actions that we never used to think about, and I think the school litigation is a perfect example. In some states they've gotten socked with pretty terrific judgments, monetary judgments, and we have a pending case right now. We were told about potential litigation and we have a district court case I think clear out in western Nebraska at Pumpkin Creek; Universal Service Fund, we have a number of environmental concerns in various areas of the state, so I believe that this is the right thing to do and I'll conclude my opening on the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the