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SENATOR JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you very much. And thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. On with discussion of FA5, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 89. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, on a bill such as this, I like to build what I call and the courts call a legislative history. Where does responsibility lie? And, Senator Johnson, Dr. Johnson, in this discussion, it's not just the dentist who might not be up to snuff who would come here and maybe recklessly harm somebody, but the dentists who mean well and are trying to do the best that they can but they blunder and somebody is hurt. I'm interested in making the person whole who has suffered, and I don't want to put an individual, who is poor in the first place, into a set of circumstances where he or she is left worse off than before the dentist performed his or her ministrations, and has to try to get a lawyer to bring a dentist back from Kansas to come here and rectify the harm or to face a lawsuit. No lawyer is going to take a case of that person. But if the state, which has deep pockets, is the one to be sued for damages, when the language is properly crafted I would allow for attorneys' fees. If these dentists are going to do as they're supposed to do, the supporters of this program should be happy that the state will be liable. But whether they're happy about that or not, the concern should first and foremost be with the patient and not the dentist, not the dental profession. And too many times when a poor person suffers a wrong or a harm, there is no redress whatsoever, and those who inflict the harm know it so they take advantage of the vulnerable status of the poor. There was a football player just a few days ago who had been charged with some felonious type of gambling, because he supposedly was running high-stakes card games in his home, and possession of a weapon, and there were several charges against him. But after the jury heard the prosecution's case, it took them maybe an hour or less to acquit him. And you know what that man said? I was innocent from the beginning. Everybody knew this was a frame-up, but I had the money to hire lawyers. What I wonder about...this is a football player, a professional football