

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...in an accident.

SENATOR ABOUD: Sure, it is, but if you're...let's say you're injured and a lot of times you're not sure how much the full extent of the injury is going to be. It's just like you injure yourself and you're on crutches right now and let's just say you had slipped and you had fallen, well you may not recover completely in a 24-month period.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: Now maybe you will, I don't know. But it's hard to say sometimes whether or not you're going to have some permanent injury as a result of that injury to your ankle.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I hate to tell you this, Senator Abboud, but you haven't convinced me yet. It seems to me we're just opening the box for more lawsuits and more tax money to be sent. If they can't do it within two years, I say, tough luck.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I guess, Senator Abboud, I'll ask you a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The crux of this bill now is the committee amendments, right, which primarily is...essentially is a two-year to four-year, I mean, two-year to four-year...

SENATOR ABOUD: Two for...right, two from state...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...and one from (inaudible).

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Has this particular topic or issue had a public hearing?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.