

course and with more time, but at this point I just can't support attaching this at the final turn in the curve on LB 253. Thank you,

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, serving on the Judiciary Committee, I was there and heard the testimony on this particular bill and there was lots of proponents for it. I personally think the idea is very good and I went into that committee after reading the bill the night before thinking that I was going to support it. This is something that needs to be done but doing it in this fashion is not going to work. The Judiciary Committee is not made up of all trial attorneys. I am far from one and after hearing the last testimony of that day which was only one who was an opponent, it definitely gave me the impression and the idea that this was way too broad. There is something that needs to be done in this area, but at this point this bill did not fulfill that in my estimation and that is why I was one of the unanimous voters to kill this bill. I hope that in the future we are able to do something, but I'm going to oppose the amendment at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support this amendment. It is supported by my chamber of commerce and the various reasons they give for supporting this bill is because volunteer organizations such as the chamber, the United Way and hundreds really need such legislation. And they are volunteering their time for community betterment and they should not be exposed to liability for the good deeds unless, of course, they are engaged in willful and wanton acts or omissions as described in the bill. I know I was on the Judiciary Committee that killed the bill but, however, I was not aware that our chamber was supportive of this bill until the day after we killed the bill and, therefore, I could not take back my vote and I'm not sorry that I voted that way at the time, but right now I am supportive of this amendment. I think that such legislation could remove the need for expensive liability coverage or at least make the coverage more affordable. The chamber alone spends over \$1,000 a year for coverage and many other groups spend more and so I would just like to have it on record that I do support this amendment.