

beginning on line 16, which is subsection (5), that first sentence that ends on line 20 with the period after the word human body. That would be the first division. The second division would be on page 5, the last part of this which reads the Section 2, that would be lines 12 through and including 16. And then the rest of the amendment on its own.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Will, would you respond in what order you would like to have them taken up.

SENATOR WILL: Yes, Madam President. It's clearly divisible. I think the division suggested by Senator Kristensen is appropriate. I would like the...the portion of the amendment other than the medical devices and the retroactivity clause taken up first, which would be the bulk of the amendment, except for the two sections that Senator Kristensen asked to be separated out.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, thank you, Senator Will. I will rule that it is divisible. And, first of all then, we will take up the bulk of the amendment, except for on page 3, lines 16 through 20, and on page 5, lines 12 through 16. Is that correct, Senator Will?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. I will now recognize senators wishing to address this portion of the amendment. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, LB 137 is not the kind of bill that, when you go and have your meetings on Saturday mornings, is on every voters mind. When you ran for election or re-election it wasn't the type of issue that when you knocked on someone's door they immediately wanted to talk to you about repeal of the statute of repose. It's one of the arcane laws that very few people will have dealings with and very few individuals will file a lawsuit over as well, because for the most part, products are safe and products that are manufactured in this country are safe. And currently in the State of Nebraska when a person purchases a product anywhere, there's estimates anywhere from 85 up to 98 percent of those products are manufactured in another state. So as a result they are most likely protected under the 38 different states that currently have no statute of repose, states such as Iowa that