

currently put no limitation on a product. When a product is sold in the State of Iowa that may be manufactured in Taiwan or Singapore or Hong Kong and that product is sold in the State of Iowa, and that Iowa citizen is injured, they are protected by the laws of the State of Iowa. So someone that is injured is protected. Now that product that is manufactured in Taiwan or Hong Kong and it is sold in the State of Nebraska, that citizen is not protected. There is no protection for that citizen if the product is manufactured prior to ten years of that product being sold. The ten year limitation was an idea that came about in the mid-seventies. It was put together by a group of associations, insurance companies, business groups that came forward and they said, you know we should put a limitation, an artificial limitation on lawsuits against products that are manufactured. Now from the list that has been handed out you can see how overwhelmingly that concept was supported throughout the country. They suckered a few states like the State of Nebraska and maybe one or two others and that was about it. Now some they did pass in those states but they were ruled unconstitutional or they were eventually repealed because such a burden on the citizens in their state. Does it make sense for the state Legislature in the State of Nebraska to protect a manufacturer in Taiwan or in Singapore or in Mexico? It doesn't make any sense to me. Our responsibility is the protection of our citizens and when we pass laws, we pass laws to protect those citizens. Now we may protect them in some different ways. We may protect them in a manner such as protecting their jobs by working to keep manufacturers in this state so that they can have a job, the citizens of our state have a job, they can go to school, have a tax base for those schools, allow those citizens to prosper in our state and when we're talking about protecting Nebraska manufacturers I'm for that as I was when we passed legislation dealing with tax exemptions for businesses, LB 775, and the host of other legislation that comes through on an annual basis to protect businesses in our state.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABBODD: But there are instances, there are instances where sometimes when they come forward and they say this is good for the State of Nebraska, businesswise it doesn't make any sense. Now I can understand a huge association back in Washington, D.C. coming out to the State of Nebraska and saying this is going to be good for business because it's going to be good for business nationwide and probably those manufacturers