

this bill and then it should be passed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I'll be brief. I would just like to say to Senator Robak that I want in the worst way to support this bill. I am going to support it on General File. I think that Senator Landis has raised some additional points to those that were raised earlier this morning and I would just encourage the Senator and others who are interested in this particular bill to go back and see if we can't come up with a few additional safeguards to be written into this bill. And with that, I would like to yield the rest of my time or give the rest of my time to Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I just wanted to clarify one thing for Senator Smith. What my question this morning had to do, some of the optometrists think that there should be a provision that people who start using telescopic lens should have training in using to be sure that...that is the only thing that I was questioning, and our office will work with Senator Robak to be sure that something like that comes about. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I had the opportunity over the noon hour to gather some additional information pertaining to LB 742 and I was told that at the present time there is a case in the federal courts that has been filed in Omaha pertaining to this issue. So that raises the question to me, should we be trying to decide this now and influence the decision of the courts? I also was informed that back in possibly 1970 or 1978, and we are searching for the Attorney General's Opinion that stated words to the effect that the authority given to the medical profession in this bill is unconstitutional as you cannot give a medical profession or entities such as that the authority to direct a state agency or to direct the motor, the vehicle motor department of Nebraska. So I bring these two issues up to show that possibly we have some more information to gather on this legislation and quite possibly we should not advance the bill or lay it over to another time. Thank you, Mr. President.