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think I can help. These instructors, right now most of them are employees of community colleges, these EMS instructors, whether they're paramedic instructors or basic first responders, and the certification process really isn't there for these instructors. I think most of them, they'll go ahead and take these classes, become certified through the community colleges, is where we get our training in western Nebraska, and my only question being I hope this doesn't discourage some of these instructors from going back and being certified as instructors that maybe were grandfathered in, in some of this prior rules and regulations. But the bigger question to me, and we're working on it with the Health and Human Services EMS Division, is the national registry requirement that all EMTs take this national registry test. It's very... a very tough and rigorous test to pass, and we are working with them. I want to let Senator Price, Senator Wehrbein know that we... we're making progress on this, with these people, and it's not all just instructors. Part of it is the requirement on the national registry. And I think this is the first step in maybe getting down that path to clean this whole issue up and I support the bill and support the A bill too, of course, but it's an issue that's not going to go away and we continue to work on it. And I don't think there will be any fiscal impact on it. It's just simply rules and regulations dealing with the requirement that we pass the national registry. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Seeing none, Senator Price, you're recognized to close. She waives that opportunity. Question before the body is the advancement of LB 238A. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 238A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The A bill advances. We next move to LB 152.

CLERK: LB 152, Mr. President. It's a bill by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0101, Legislative Journal