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constitution that is nowhere defined in the statute, and I think Senator Chambers makes the good point that we can narrow this and all the remedies will be statutory. So with that, I would urge the advancement of the bill to Select File. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 35 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 847.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** LB 847 advances. We next move to LB 1033.

**CLERK:** LB 1033, Mr. President, a bill by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2761, Legislative Journal page 643.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on the bill.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Mr. President, members of the body, LB 1033 is a bill that is a good development, I think, in the process that we initiated several years ago of bringing up to date emergency medical services in the state of Nebraska. A few years ago we revamped that process. We collapsed two boards into one. We produced a much more flexible structure for the development of emergency medical services and the people who provide them. The board and others who have been working with the issue subsequently have opened a new issue for us and that is whether or not those emergency medical personnel who, in the bill we passed a couple years ago, were restricted in the places, I will say the places, in which they could carry out their activities. The bill restricted them to activities in an out-of-hospital setting. There was a fairly strong feeling at the time that those emergency medical personnel should not be working in a full hospital setting. It was appropriate for them, when they brought the patient in, to continue to