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vested interest, obviously, being from rural Nebraska and prioritizing it. This last weekend I was at Ogallala at a health fair. I got to talk to the people there that are going to see the benefits of LB 1033 to be able to provide the services that the citizens of the state of Nebraska, who don't live in Lincoln and Omaha, demand in the counties and cities that I represent, and we can allow them to have some more flexibility to provide that if we can adopt LB 1033. Now, we can wage the war on LB 1033A, as I'm sure will happen, and that's a different fight, but I would strongly encourage you to vote green on this. I think Senator Byars is nodding that he is in support of LB 1033. We heard Senator Jensen say that as well. I think LB 1033 is sound policy. I would encourage your support of it. Do what you will on the A bill, that's a different fight, and I'm not even going to make comments on my thoughts until we get to that, if there is a motion for that as well. So I would support and recommend that you support LB 1033. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's been a suggestion thrown around that if you don't know what you're talking about you ought to sit down and shut up, but I do know what I'm talking about on this issue so you can listen for just a minute. I've been in the EMT or was an EMT for many years and did the training and understand what EMTs do and how valuable they are, and if...you that live in the rural areas I'm sure would agree with me that they provide a service, in many cases at no charge. They take their own time, and I think the issue that we have to recognize is to get EMTs today is becoming more and more difficult because of the time constraints and the fact that it's a volunteer, basically a volunteer. And I will have to say in all honesty that most EMTs and most people I've worked with in this field only provide the kind of services they're trained to do, and of course that's what they're supposed to do. So I certainly support LB 1033. As far as the A bill, I'm inclined to support that too because I think it follows. And with that, thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.