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LB 273, 366
LR 21

Rogers, please, we're on the bill.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, this bill was introduced by me on behalf of a group of ambulance volunteers in my district, basically just to clarify some things. There are many, probably, physician assistants, especially out in rural Nebraska. It would make better use of our hospital personnel if they could occasionally be assigned to transport patients. The Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants supported the bill with the amendment. They have been providing citizens service for over 15 years and they are strictly functioning within their scope to the current list of physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses who can aid in the transportation of patients as now, and I would simply encourage advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 273.

PRESIDENT: LB 273 advances. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 21. Moving on to LB 366.

CLERK: Mr. President, 366 was a bill introduced by Senator Lynch. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments by the Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please, the amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, LB 366 is a bill brought to the committee by Senator Lynch. It deals with a current statute regarding group homes' zoning. Currently, the statute provides that you can't discriminate against group homes dealing with cerebral palsy, autism and mental retardation. The original bill would have added mental illness. At the hearing the Catholic Social Services and hearing impaired individuals came in and said, this discrimination ought not occur in any event for anybody with a mental or physical disability and asked that we broaden the bill to recognize that. And so the