

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 441.

PRESIDENT: LB 441 is advanced. We will take up LB 250 next, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 250 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Hall and Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9.

PRESIDENT: The Speaker has asked that we skip over 250. We will go on to LB 157. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I believe it is.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, 157 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Health Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I have no committee amendments but Senator Chizek would move to amend the bill and that amendment is on page 808 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Chizek, do you wish to talk about your amendment first?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, the amendment to LB 157 is on page 108 of the Journal and, in essence, becomes the bill. This bill was here last year and was on the floor and we have done substantial negotiations, if you would, with the interested parties. Basically, the intent was to provide notice to emergency medical service providers when they have been exposed to any of fifty some three infectious communicable diseases in the course of their duties. The amendment preserves that intent while taking care of some technical matters that were raised at the hearing. As I said, since the hearing all parties concerned have worked hard to reach meaningful accord. Statutes from other jurisdictions were examined. Specifically, the amendment before us proposes that the bill provide protection to emergency medical service providers,