

accredited educational institution may have a certified paramedic unit; changes location of clinical experience from an ambulance to "the field". These are all very technical changes. There is nothing at all controversial in this. I think those of you that have been around long enough know that if you start messing with things that are of real basic substance in this emergency medical statute, you get the fire departments, you get the EMTs, you get the medical people, communities, everybody coming out of the woodwork in opposition. Nobody appeared in opposition to LB 726 at the hearing. It was supported by those on the Board of Advanced Emergency Medical Care and by the Nebraska Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. With that, if you have any questions, I'll attempt to respond to those. Otherwise, this is a...it's also needed I guess I should say to...because they're in the process of changing their rules and regulations and they really need this statute brought up to date. It's not something that we can wait the normal course of events and this bill is here and it's a convenient vehicle to accept this amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Morrissey, would you like to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members, again, I consider this a friendly amendment and would urge the adoption of this amendment also.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Madam President, as Senator Withem indicated, this is merging LB 726 as amended by the committee into this piece of legislation. Both the original 569 and this bill deal with the EMTs in trying to update statutory language dealing with problems that we've had and I agree with Senator Withem that this is a clarifying amendment. It shouldn't be any problem I don't believe and it will help take care of some problems that they're having over in the Board of Advanced Emergency Medical Care. I do think that there should be no problem and any opposition to this and I would support its amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, there are no further lights. Would you like to close on your amendment?