

first responder are in danger of responders unwilling to take the risk of rendering care without being assured that they have protection from civil liability in the course of rendering these services. Therefore, I have proposed this amendment of LB 569 to give such protection now in order that these first responders and their communities may continue to have these necessary services while the certification process is undergoing the 407 process. The amendment was drafted to allow it to stand on its own as a part of the emergency services care. It defines a first responder as one who locates and provides basic life support to patients at the scene of an emergency, and who holds a current certificate of successful completion of the United States Department of Transportation Forty Hour Emergency Medical Services-First Responder Course, or has passed a Nebraska Fire Services Fifty-two Hour Firefighters First Aid Course. This amendment is submitted for this limited purpose only, and is not designed to take the place of LB 472 certification requirements which will continue on during the rest of the year in the 407 process. Dr. Wright, Director of the Department of Health, has reviewed the amendment proposed and said, and I quote, "I feel that we could support the amendment included in your letter of March 28, 1989, so long as it is understood that it represents the temporary resolution to the problem and there continues to be a firm commitment to follow through with the more complete program presented in LB 472." This amendment is a temporary resolution to the problem and it is understood that LB 472 will continue through the 407 process to put in place the more complete program outlined in LB 472. I ask for your adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion on the Peterson amendment? Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: He had a point of order.

SPEAKER BARRETT: A point of order, I am sorry, I mis...what is your point?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe this amendment based on the reading of the germaneness rule this session is germane to this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, would you care to make a comment?