

under call. The question is ceasing debate and we're accepting call in votes.

CLERK: Senator Peterson voting yes. Senator Scofield voting yes. Senator Hartnett, you had voted yes, Senator. Senator Rogers voting yes.

PRESIDENT: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Kristensen, would you like to close on the first section of the amendments? Call is raised.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. To briefly close and to put this into perspective where we're at with the amendments, these are the first amendments on page 398. These are Sections 12, 13 and 14. These are not substantive changes. These are the result of the Nebraska Bar Association study that are the recommendations that would make this bill procedurally work easier and better. Whether you're for or against the bill, I would think that you would have to recognize that these amendments would make the bill better no matter what happens to it on its final vote to move or not. They do deal with multiple defendants, allowing for joinder, to make sure that we get all the proper parties into one lawsuits, so you don't have a multiplicity of suits and would allow defendants to bring in other defendants who might share in the liability. That has really always been the purpose of the Nebraska statutes and civil procedures, to make sure we get all the lawsuits into one. And I would urge the adoption of this section of the amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the first section of the Kristensen amendments. Is there any question about which that involves? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the first portion of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The first section is adopted. We'll move to the second section of the Kristensen amendment. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to talk about the second section?