

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I just appreciate Senator Crosby's comments, and again would encourage you to support this resolution. The program has been in place 25 years, done great things for children. Hopefully, we can follow up on the ground that has been plowed by this program and do additional things to help these children, recognizing their importance, and very much would urge your support for this resolution.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Move on to LB 42. Will you refresh our memory as to where we were. Oh, excuse me, LB 923.

CLERK: Mr. President, 923 was a bill introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. It is signed by a number of other members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee. (See page 625 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, real briefly, Mr. President, maybe I should start back and give you a summary of the bill and where the amendments come in. The situation with asbestos is one that you probably have been quite familiar with, that we did pass an Asbestos Control Act a couple of years ago. About a year ago, the rules and regulations to implement that act, which was passed in '88, I believe, those rules and regs were then put forward in April of '89, caused quite a stir among contractors and business people and homeowners across the State of Nebraska. The intent of that Asbestos Control Act was certainly admirable, and it should have been. I was one of the co-sponsors and believed very much in the initiative to try and protect people from exposure to asbestos, which is a very carcinogenic substance, as we all know, but the problems with the rules and regs resulted in part from very restrictive statutory language defining friable asbestos and other various aspects of the law