

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Just real quickly. Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. There are currently right now 48 people who are MDSOs in the State of Nebraska. There are 13 people who are on a waiting list to get into that program. We've made provisions on what to do with those people who are currently on that program that's in the bill. Some will be sent back for resentencing and to be reevaluated. Some of those who are currently in the program will be switched over and would have the opportunity to take advantage of the new treatment possibilities. We also have about 22 people in the State of Nebraska right now who are on a mental health board commitment after they've been through the MDSO program. And so, in terms of numbers of people affected by this, it is growing, but we do have a limited number of people that we need to take care of at this point. With that, that would constitute my closing and I would again urge advancement of LB 523.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 523. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 523.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 523 is advanced. LB 452.

CLERK: Madam President, 452 was a bill introduced by the Business and Labor Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Farm Labor Contract...Contractors Act was introduced several times by Senator Jackie Smith and finally passed in 1987. The intent of the bill was to make sure that those people who brought groups of contract laborers into Nebraska, basically migrant workers, were in such a position that the salary and everything would be taken care of for those people and they wouldn't be abandoned in Nebraska and become wards of the state until they could get back to wherever it was they come