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adopted last year. There is...the point of why it should be mandated I think, you know, the answer to is in the hopes that it would not be eliminated. We found a great need for liability insurance and our loss of foster parents is severe and this would help a great deal and that's why the thought was that it ought to be there and continue to be there. But you're right, it could continue as an optional service but the thought is that it's important enough that we ought to just go ahead and make sure it's there in perpetuity.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 169? Seeing no one, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, Senator Warner, I have listened to what you're saying and I'll certainly look into that a little bit further as on the previous bill that you had there's some questions people had, we'll look into that and if there is some other refining or retuning we'll certainly try to do so to meet everyone's understandings of what we need to do on the bill. I would also say that one of the other reasons that the bill needs to move on again, I appreciate the Speaker for allowing us to do that today and hopefully with the body's will, is that within the negotiations with the different insurance companies they have felt it would be more...it would help the negotiations process to get the insurance bound agreements agreed to, if you wish, if we had the statute to changes that were originally proposed and that's why we are pushing the bill at this point so that we can be able to complete what the Legislature began last year. And I appreciate the body's patience and I urge the advancement of LB 169.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 169. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 169. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 169.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 169 is advanced. Before we proceed to the next bill I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Moore. They are 26 fourth grade students from St. John Lutheran School in Seward, Nebraska and their teacher and they are in the south