

that approved this were being carried forward with this bill. This bill goes beyond the scope of recommendations in that process into an area that has some controversy, but because I was not aware of that distinction until very recently, I am going to stand in support of the committee amendments and move that they be adopted to this bill, and that the bill be advanced. It is a little late at this point to challenge the situation, but I also want to make it clear that it is my intent to come back on Select File and perhaps further address this particular area, the concerns with IV administration of EMTs and perhaps look at some amendments at that time. With that brief introduction, I would be happy to answer questions, and again put forward the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. To address the committee amendments, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the committee amendments, and for a little purpose of clarification. The testimony as it related to LB 1058, if you would like to go review the hearing transcripts, you will find that we did discuss the fact that the IV management section was not approved by the 407 review process, and I understand that some urban doctors have a problem with that. I understand that. If you look at the people that testified for the bill, you will find everybody that testified was for it. There were no negatives. Dr. Horton and Bob Leopold testified neutral. But again, I would urge you to read the transcript. There is neutral testimony and there is neutral testimony and Dr. Horton's testimony towards this bill was very positive, very positive. And I appreciate the understanding of the concerns Dr. Horton has for delivery of medical services and the need to save lives in rural Nebraska. Again, in my introduction, other people's testimony we made clear that the process, the 407 did not approve the IV management end. And if you want to check out the history of that, you will find that the gentleman on the 407 that voted against it the first time later voted for it, later voted for it. And we're asking to be given the ability to transport our patients in airway management. We're asking for the ability to bring them in alive because if you need airway management and you can't give it, you're going to die. You will die. And if you need IVs administered, you won't necessarily die but your chances of survival once you reach the hospital are