

the future will become even more critical. I suggest to you in the strongest possible terms that the provisions of this bill represent a reasonable supplement to the kinds of things that EMTs can now do and do on a daily basis, and those things are absolutely necessary to saving lives when you have a long way to a hospital. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators attention to the area under the north balcony, special guests of the Legislature today is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She is Ann Veneman, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, who was the keynote speaker yesterday at the Governor's Conference on Agriculture in Kearney. She is accompanied by Lisa Zannoni, who is Executive Assistant to the Secretary, and Larry Sitzman, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. Also seated under the north balcony are special guests of Senator Kristensen. They are Greg Jelden, Scott Nelson, Steve Nelson and Dudley Nelson, all from Axtell. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. I will now recognize Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I guess I have a couple of questions, Senator Wesely, if you wouldn't mind? I just want to make sure I understand this issue. The part of the issue, or the part of the bill that we are talking about here, the committee amendments, the controversial part is LB 1058, am I correct in that? Okay, first question then, as I look at 1138, there also seems to have been some opposition by a Dr. Steve Stripe from the Advanced Emergency Medical Care Board. Could you explain, maybe, was that...is he representing a large group there and what the opposition might have been?

SENATOR WESELY: On the original 1138?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah.

SENATOR WESELY: You will also see Dr. Stripe testified in support.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I certainly do. I didn't notice that.