

from the normal procedures and I just wanted to know. I am glad it passed and all that. I just thought maybe if this happens again we should clarify before we starting rolling the vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Morrissey, I think you would need to see in advance that you need a call of the house and proceed with that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So we should just...okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Committee amendments have been adopted and I will recognize Senator Rogers for opening.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President and colleagues, first I want to thank Senator Wesely for his explanation of the committee amendments which, basically, now are the bill. As he explained, LB 1138 now contains my original 1138, which certifies first responders, first responder service, and then Senator Morrissey's bill. And as far as Senator Morrissey's part of the bill, I will defer all technical questions to him when we get to that point. My portion of the LB 1138, the first 41 pages of the amendment, basically does four things. It establishes the certification and licensing requirements for first responders and first responder service. It provides immunity to first responders for services rendered in good faith, and it allows first responders to be certified for the use of automatic and semiautomatic defibrillators, and with additional training, and it adds first responders to the Board of Ambulance Advisors. First responders are those individuals who respond to emergencies. They arrive at the scene prior to the ambulance usually and provide basic life support until the ambulance does arrive to transport the patient to a hospital. In rural areas where hospitals and ambulances are usually many miles from the scene of an accident and many miles from any hospital, first responders are the people who stabilize the patient until the ambulance arrives to take the patient to the hospital, and in some cases, the ambulance may be more than an hour's drive from the site. Those of us that live in the rural areas aren't the only ones who have contact with first responders. In some of the information received, ConAgra and 3M in Omaha have on site first responder teams. Lincoln firefighters are also first responders and they arrive before the ambulance, usually, and stabilize the patient. Certification of the first responders has been approved through the 407 process, and according to the 407 subcommittee who reviewed the application's approval of the