

you want to talk about how we don't do business that way, that is not how we do business in this body. If you've got a major problem with someone's legislation, you usually copy them in the discussions of that legislation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I would urge you to support the bill. Many other states are doing it. Again, if you have any questions, we'll be more than happy to answer them. If they're too technical and we can't get them answered here, we'll ask some of our doctors to answer them for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. You do have five minutes of your own time. You don't wish that. Okay, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support this proposal. I have received a number of letters supporting it and these came from the rural areas. About eight or ten years ago I introduced a bill that would allow EMTs to carry a defibrillator on their rescue unit. And I can't speak for the urban areas, but in the...in the rural areas we certainly need to equip these EMTs with all the necessary equipment that they need and also they do...they may need some extra training. But I think we need to be careful, too, that we don't burden them down too much with extra hours of training because, at least in my area, all of these are volunteers. And so we don't want to discourage them from volunteering to operate these rescue units. Like it's been mentioned before, it's quite a few miles to the nearest hospital and this...this has really been a godsend for us in the rural areas. So I would certainly encourage you to support LB 1138 as amended. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. Again, I would rise in support of the bill and recognize as well, as Senator Schellpeper and others have discussed, rural areas of the state are in a different situation than urban areas. I think this bill does lead and will lead to other discussions about how we set standards for health personnel, that we have to recognize that perhaps we may not be able to require the level of standards across the state that we would like to have because of the geographic and other circumstances, in particular rural