

accomplishes, I think, a lot of what was concerning individuals in the 407 review process. It addresses many of the concerns of the medical field in the state, and with these amendments, I think we have reached an agreement and a compromise that is agreeable to both the EMTs and the physician community. With that, I would be happy to answer questions but I would ask for support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson, followed by Senators Morrissey and Rogers. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I don't know, I might be a little out of place discussing the funding of this right now, but I think it is a real good bill, but I really question the money coming from the State General Fund. What's wrong with billing the people that use the service? What is wrong with going back to the counties or the cities that have the rescue units to bill them? We keep laying everything back on the State General Fund. We are going to have to have a couple more offices, expenses, and so forth. That is the problem I have with the bill. Right now our A bills are down to I think around \$600,000, and I really question, I think you ought to take a good look, should this be funded from State General Funds? I really question whether it should be. Appropriations Committee last night, we are going to have to come up with another million dollars for water testing. You know what is going to happen on that, don't you? You start telling the people out in the district, you know all H--- is going to break out because they aren't going to like it. But take a good look at this. If they are going to use the service, let them pay for it. Right now we are going to go down and rent half of downtown Lincoln. Let's start taking a good look before we put some more people on the state payroll, folks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, I think if I could set Senator Robinson down and talk to him I could change his mind. This, unless I misunderstood you, if you followed any of, I believe, the recent debate in Omaha on surcharge on ambulance, is that how we are discussing possibly funding it, the people that use...the majority of the people that use the ambulance services in my district are the elderly, and I don't want to hang a further charge on them. And the people we are talking about are all volunteers, all volunteers,