

would commit to working between now and Select, I think it might save the floor time with filing a bunch of amendments now, and if you are willing to make that commitment, I will not file these amendments and allow you to look at them first.

SENATOR WESELY: I will make that commitment. We have just looked at those as of yesterday and there are some that appear to be positive changes that we would definitely want to work with you on.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And with that, thank you, Senator Wesely, and with that I will...I will...I do not intend to vote for the advancement of the bill, but I will not, as I just mentioned with Senator Wesely, I will not be putting up any amendments and I will be hopefully working with Senator Matzke and Senator Wesely between now and Select File.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, I would like to just speak briefly in support of the bill. I think it is a reasonable response to a court interpretation. The court interpretation set out what many people thought was new law for the State of Nebraska. They certainly had the right to make that kind of an interpretation that involves some intricate categorizations, whether this is a subrogation kind of situation, or whether it is a creditor kind of situation. I think the legislation correctly chooses to see the hospital as a creditor and to treat that creditor more like other creditors rather than like a subrogated insurance company. But rather than to get into all that, it looks like we will not have that debate today. I would just say that I think the right choice has been made with this bill, and I support it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jensen, your light is next.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I did choose this as my priority bill because I think it is the right bill at the right time. Coming from the construction industry, I am certainly familiar with liens that are filed any time a subcontractor or sometimes a contractor may file upon a property owner if the bill is not paid. And so a lien is really a simple procedure. It is not difficult. A lien