

thrust of the bill and not lose that, but we understand the concerns and we are willing to discuss them. Let me tell you, though, when Senator Jensen was talking about his son and what happened, I just had my nephew go through this, and to be able to have a situation where somebody who gets injured can go into a hospital and know that a trauma center will be there and take care of their needs, and not end up having to worry about who is going to pay the bill because there is a lien there, a provision that one way or another that if there is a settlement, and if there is a decision by the court that the bills will be taken care of, it's a critical one to not have that, to not have this in place jeopardizes the chance for any of us in any situation we might run across where we need medical care, to have that situation changed because of the uncertainly involved anymore with the change of the Supreme Court, concerns me a great deal. So I would hope that we would advance the bill and ultimately pass the bill, and, again, we are willing to work with people who have particular concerns, but 'hat this bill get passed is vital, I think, to the good health of the State of Nebraska by maintaining the ability of hospitals and medical providers to be compensated for their care of individuals. With that, I would ask for advancement of the bill.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the close on the motion to advance LB 172 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 172.

SENATOR HALL: LB 172 advances. We are going to skip over LB 646, and we will move to LB 860, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 860 is a bill originally introduced by Senator Robinson and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of this year, referred to the General Affairs Committee. The General Affairs Committee advanced the bill to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (See AM0829 as found on page 1028 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schellpeper, to open on the committee amendments.