

committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to open on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, just briefly, the amendment has explained the bill, but Senator Bohlke made a comment, which I'd like to expand on just a second, because she was absolutely correct. The Legislature tends to be criticized that, you know, that it is the lobby that runs it, and all the kind of comments that people like to make, and this is, in fact, an example of a handful of individual citizens who have a concern, who came to legislators. The issue started out with some of the organized groups opposed and the legislators choice of who needed to have precedent fell with the individuals, as it should have, but in a reasonable way that should be reasonably acceptable to everyone, and certainly it is a fine example, as far as I am concerned, of the legislative body doing what the legislative body always tries to do and that is to be concerned about the effect or the impact to individual citizens. And with the support that has been indicated by a number of legislators, it is, from my viewpoint, it was a shining example of the kind of thing that frequently happens but too often goes unnoticed or unrecognized, and so I thank all the legislators who have assisted in the development of this proposed change in the statute. With that, I'd ask that the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President, I just might add a few more. This bill did take a lot of work. There were many time we did work with the pharmacists; we did work with the individuals that have some long-term concerns and some high medical costs. And there were times that the original amendment was changed. We debated over one day, 180 days, 181 days, but I think everybody was pretty well agreed to the amendments, and that I do think there was a need. I think it did show and displayed that the system does work. We heard testimony both ways, and I urge you to support Senator Warner's bill, 5 or 6...531. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Any further discussion on the advancement of LB 531? Seeing none, Senator Warner, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 531. All those in favor