

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Avery to close on his amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: I think in light of what this body has done in the past, I would like that pulled.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I am sorry, Senator.

SENATOR AVERY: I would like that amendment pulled.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Hillman and Brashear would move to amend AM2183. (Found on page 2219 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Brashear to open on the amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam President and members of the Legislature, in Senator Hillman's absence today, why I would like to rise and urge the body to adopt AM2183, which is printed in the Journal as indicated. Simply put, the Legislature in 1994 adopted LB 1223, which included the Nebraska Trauma Systems Development Act. The Legislature, in its wisdom, determined that a state of this size, of this breadth, with the rural and urban centers divided as they are geographically, in a reforming health care environment, needed to get ahead of the curve, so to speak, and determine how it was that we were going to coordinate and communicate with regard to the treatment and transportation in terms of traumatic health care incidents, but the Legislature appropriated no money. Federal funds were then available and the study began. The problem is that there are no federal funds now. Through inadvertence, at least speaking for myself and for Senator Hillman, as members of the Appropriations Committee, the \$60,000 necessary to continue this study was not budgeted. We believe that it is necessary of inclusion, that this is the kind of study that is imperative to the future well-being of the people of the state, and urge the adoption of the amendment. This, in short, is a study. This is not the establishment of something that will require reappropriation upon further appropriation in the future. This is \$60,000 to complete a study in order that we will know how and where and when we will respond to the treatment of traumatic medical incidents. Thank