

encourage your support for the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. On the committee amendments, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Just very quickly, Mr. Speaker and members and Don...and Senator Wesely. I appreciate the fact that the Health Committee brought this bill because, and I understand what you said about the committee amendments. I've looked at it a couple of times to be sure. Several years ago I had a very, very dear friend and mentor who had Parkinson's and watched the debilitation that occurs. I have a very dear family member who is, has Parkinson's and has had for years and years. And the debilitation that occurs is a real...is a difficult thing to watch and a difficult thing to endure because to look at people that have Parkinson's, they not...you don't always necessarily know they have any problems. And it starts sooner than people think. It starts when people are younger. And I think that the medical profession and the research is beginning to recognize that. So I'm hoping that with this bill in Nebraska, it's a step forward to try to help the people and the families who are experiencing this disease. So thanks again, Don. I'm fully supportive of the amendments and the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely, closing on the committee amendments. Closing's waived. The question is the adoption of committee amendments to LB 496. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely, do you have an opening on the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, very briefly. This bill was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee and there are a number of other cosigners on the bill, in fact, Senator Schrock liked it so much he signed it twice, but...(laughs). We'll even let him vote twice if we could. But in any event, the bill did come in. We had a huge, huge turnout at the hearing. There's a great deal of interest in trying to establish this registry. Across the state of Nebraska people are impacted by this horrible disease. If any of you have had a