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LB 522, 781

amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close on the advancement. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 522 to E & R for initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 522 advances. LB 781.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 781 was introduced by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 20th, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 781 was introduced by myself as a result of a situation that I became aware of, and I don't think it's probably terribly unique. It was a situation where there was an accident and someone was...was needing help. They were...there was significant amounts of blood involved and two young people stopped to help this person at the accident scene. Later, the parents of the young persons that stopped to help were concerned as to whether or not the good Samaritans had been exposed to any infectious disease and requested a blood test and that was refused. We have a...we have a provision right now in the law, in 71-507, that provides that an emergency services provider is entitled to such information, to a test, if they are exposed to a...the blood of a person that they're helping. This would change the definition of "emergency services provider" to include a person rendering emergency care gratuitously, as described in the statutes at 25-21,186. So, basically, it would give the good Samaritan the same rights as the trained professionals who might stop to render assistance and want to have...want to have a test. The question arose in committee, and rightfully so, who would pay for the test, and I think there's a committee (sic) amendment pertaining to that and