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and Human Services. If all else fails, then the appropriate governmental agency, such as the arresting agency or corrections facility, pays the bill. The hospitals brought language to help them with regard to a proper showing that reimbursement from the recipient is not available; that you have to make that showing. We worked this out several years ago when we were working on the same bill under another number. So that gives you the essence of the bill. I'd be glad to answer any questions. Otherwise, I would just ask you to move the bill. Thank you. And I'll let the Chairman of Judiciary do the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment. (Standing Committee amendment AM0758 is found on page 1043 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the committee amendment would remove the language in Legislative Bill 112 which seeks to hold the recipient of medical services personally responsible for the cost of those services. The committee wanted to provide that the service providers seek payment from the recipient's insurance or from the recipient only if he or she receives a direct payment from their insurer, from any other possible source, such as the Veterans Administration, and then from the government agency involved. In addition to excluding the personal liability, the amendment also establishes that it is nonfeasance to refuse medical services to these people solely on the grounds that the recipient has no insurance and it establishes a penalty for such a refusal. I urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Amendments are adopted. Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Crosby, you're recognized to close.