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LB 1101

Jensen waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1101. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. I'll try to push harder. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are agreed to. (Visitors introduced.) For discussion on the advancement of LB 1101, Senator Dickey. Senator Dickey waives. Senator Lynch, on the advancement of LB 1101.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I stand in support of this important and really worthwhile legislation. I want to congratulate Senator Aguilar and the other cosponsors for it. I can't help but think that if this kind of thing existed 15 or 20 years ago I distinctly remember in our district there was a mother who was in her nineties and in very good shape. There was a daughter who was in her sixties and not in very good shape. The problem was that the mother, as old as she was, couldn't provide the kind of care the daughter really needed. They had no other family. Neighbors came in and tried to help, but it wasn't on a regular basis, and they couldn't afford much. But what they got is what the state could afford and that was simply taking the daughter away from the ninety-some-year-old mother and letting the daughter go into a nursing home, which cost the state over \$3,000 a month. Soon after that, the mother died without her daughter because they came as pair. Those kinds of things are unfortunate, are silly and are cruel, in fact, so it's not just what we can do with this kind of a bill and, in fact, save some money. It's what we can do to help save families and, in fact, save lives in some cases. Want to thank those people who are willing to volunteer to help with this kind of a thing. They're the heroes. You know, people that have a lot of money and get an award because they've got millions of dollars to give away, it's easy for them to do it. But for a person to take what limited time they might have to help others, they're heroes. They're the ones that really do the good and important work. This bill will provide an opportunity for those kind of people and, most importantly, for the people they'll serve. This is a great idea and I hope it gets overwhelming