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recall, but if you'll recall, Mr. Wagner of the Nebraska Department of Insurance appeared in a neutral capacity and we had the same testimony that we essentially have had multiple times before and it probably blurs, and that is the fact that the doctors pay a...and the hospitals pay a premium.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: But as a part of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act, there is a fund that is maintained and administered by the Department of Insurance which, at present, would be approximately \$60 million and that is a part of this entire scheme for satisfying judgments and seeing that injured parties make their recovery.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there was nobody who was fearful of the bill's enactment causing any great increase in malpractice insurance payments. That's what the question I was asking.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, because the testimony was that it won't, while there will be some slight increase. That's why we have the hospitals and the doctors supporting it. This scheme, if it's found to be constitutional by the court, continues to maintain our markets more...in a more stable condition than that which we hear across the nation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you answered all my questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brashear, you may continue on your time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I had turned on my light simply to make the points that have now been brought out by the debate from Senator Aguilar and Senator Chambers, and that is that I did want everybody to understand this was not just something in a vacuum. There is an historical precedent. There's an established record. Your Judiciary Committee has worked on this for a number of years and, most significantly, not because we're in here doing someone's bidding, but when you can read a committee statement and see