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in need of that, and should the case arise where you're involved in a tragic accident or whatever that might be. But it is a gift that goes on living, and so anyone who has any thoughts about that, I wish you would consider it strongly. This just establishes a registry. It does become part of the...your driver's license. And I think it's a tremendous thing that we can do here in this state to promote this. With that, I would just urge the adoption of AM2564 to LB 559. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen...or, I'm sorry, Senator Johnson. Getting my (inaudible) mixed up.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to rise and support both the amendment and the main bill. There...in this state, one of the things that we have is just an outstanding area of transplant operations. This is both at Omaha facilities and here in Lincoln. These are world-class centers in many respects, and really one of the great things in the medical field in this state. One of the problems, however, is that in spite of Nebraska being literally a world leader in this respect, we've fallen behind, and that's just us citizens, in providing these organs for donation. We've heard these statistics of the organs that are available over the need. What this bill does is it hopes to close that gap, so that people become aware of the need and what they can do about it. Almost always, when people are approached whether they would be willing to donate their organs in the event of their demise, they speak affirmatively to that discussion. The problem comes when at the scene, or the death bed, so to speak, then we come in to all kinds of emotions. The best cure, and to get a reasonable discussion with the family regarding what should be done, is this, is if you can show evidence that this is what the person who is going to die desired to do with his organs, then the people approaching the family, they're not only on first or second base, they're on third base, as far as getting the family to agree that yes indeed this was the dying person's, in a sense, last wish. So this is a very, very helpful tool in these situations. The families still get to decide, but this, first of all, will create more donors, and then will also help in a