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decendent's claim would hear the case. A bill identical to LB 361 was introduced in 2003 and advanced by the Legislature, but the time ran out for its passage. That is what LB 361 does, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening. Judiciary Committee amendments. Chairman Bourne, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As has been the practice of the Judiciary Committee in the past, we have put together a number of bills in the committee amendment to LB 361. I'll give you a brief summary of each of those bills, but...as advanced by the committee is LB...or, excuse me, included in the Judiciary Committee amendment, are the following bills: LB 446, which is Senator Jensen's; LB 755, of Senator Chambers; Senator Flood's LB 410; Senator Brown's LB 130; LB 110, introduced by myself; and LB 756. Each of those bills was advanced independently from the Judiciary Committee. And their individual committee statements are available on your laptops. I'll go through briefly what each of the bills does. And that, again, is included in the Judiciary Committee amendment. LB 446, introduced by Senator Jensen, would establish the Patient Safety Improvement Act. The purpose of this act is to encourage patient safety in the medical industry through the reporting of incidents of adverse health events and near misses to patient safety coalitions that oversees the information. The bill provides legal protection to providers and facilities that will allow them to review health information and collaborate on the improvement of patient safety, without that becoming an additional avenue for discovery in lawsuits. The bill does not change current avenues available to patients for legal redress. The committee amendment to LB 446 contains the following additional changes. It amends the definition of "patient safety work product." It explains that patient safety work product shall not be offered in the presence of a jury or other fact finder. It adds the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants to the Board of the Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety. Changes the term "contaminated drugs" to "adulterated drugs." It allows for immunity for any provider furnishing services to a patient safety organization. The amendment clarifies that any person