

haven't any statutory liability protection for volunteers, but again, 27 states have some type of liability protection for volunteers in general and there are some specific liability protections as well that other states have adopted. So it's a mixed bag in terms of what states have done. We have a little bit of protection, but I think again, in order to get back to the days of more volunteerism and more encouragement to our nonprofit community organizations, a step like this would be valuable and I raise the issue for your concern and discussion and look forward to the debate on this matter. With that I, again, make the motion to return the bill and ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Hall and Pirsch. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. March 4 was a fairly important date. March 4 was a day that LB 610, which Senator Wesely is attempting to put onto my bill today, was killed by the committee. March 4 was also an important day because that was the day that LB 253 was on General File. Let's see, March 4, it's now April 30, almost two months later we decide to come in and on Final Reading run a bill that has been killed; after all the speeches that I've heard Senator Wesely give about three stages of debate and how we've got to protect all these things, now we do this. And quite frankly, I do not want to enter into the substantive debate because quite frankly I was almost...I liked that debate because, Senator Wesely, I'm going to get a transcript of you fronting for former President George Bush. I really think that's quite a nice feat to do, but it sure doesn't change my feelings about LB 610 and the procedure that is being used this morning to come onto a bill. There were people who testified, in fact, in favor of LB 610 who today I'm very sure are not very happy that that's being attached to another bill that they have some interest in, people like the Nebraska Bankers Association, and I think that Senator Wesely is giving you some misrepresentations about what this bill does. He seems to indicate that bankers can't be sued on ordinary negligence which is just plain wrong. They can be. The only thing that LB 253 can do is when those suits are brought by the Resolution Trust Corporation or the FDIC, not depositors, not stockholders, not people in the State of Nebraska. They can still bring them on ordinary negligence and at this date and time to come onto Final Reading and want to attach a bill that has been killed in