

way that it is being done today out there in the real world. Sure there are people who supported Senator Wesely's bill. Frankly, they don't want to even have to go that route in terms of the costs that are incurred as minor as they may be. The fact of the matter is, it's a policy question in terms of where do you begin to stop these types of immunity provisions that we're putting into law? There is a definition of volunteer that is, I would argue, quite broad. It happens to be one of the reasons that the Judiciary Committee rejected the bill and decided to kill it the same day that the hearing was held. I would urge you not to vote to return the bill to Select File and vote to advance LB 253E in its present form over to the Governor today. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I rise to support Senator Wesely. I think he has a great idea there and I think indeed he made the point that if you do agree with the concept that's probably the only way you can get it past the Judiciary Committee. Every day hundreds, literally thousands of volunteers are working across this country and in the State of Nebraska in our hospitals, in our victim witness centers, in our domestic violence programs, in probably every facet of life you run into someone who has volunteered their time. They are wonderful people who feel that they are useful and indeed they are. You could not afford to replace them with dollars, the work that they do, because it does come from the heart, certainly means a lot to the people they serve as well as to our citizens across the state. So, Senator Wesely, I'm going to support you in this and I'm glad that you see the light from President Bush's points of lights.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll wait till closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, members, I rise to ask Senator Wesely a question that perhaps he is going to answer during close. I was waiting to see if his light was on and I was going to take mine off if he answered the question but I thought Senator Kristensen had a good point, and rather than discuss the philosophical merits of this, I think it is a procedural