

planes, automobiles are also examples there. There are a couple things in the bill that I wanted to bring your attention to. Currently, Kansas, Idaho, Connecticut and I just had heard today that New York is considering changing their language to incorporate useful safe life. I had requested that Senator Will present this as his amendment to talk about first, because I think we need to look at a broader scope. I support, had supported the idea that medical implants, those type of prosthetic devices be used or be considered, and I'll support that. But I thought there needed to be discussion on the floor on a broader scope of the products that are yet to come and products that are out there that definitely have a useful life that we need to consider in providing the people that use those products. There are a couple things in the amendment that I wanted to bring to your attention. One, we did include the language on revolv...centering around medical implants, different appliances that are placed on or within the human body. One of the things that was added to the bill is...is the terminology that in any product liability action, that unless both parties agree, that the...the process not be bifurcated, which basically means split out on (inaudible). This, I believe, is...provides efficiency...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR AVERY: ...and will reduce the costs to trials. With that, I'll take any questions or try.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Avery. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Moore are 25 third and fourth graders from Bradshaw Public School in Bradshaw, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Also seated in the south balcony are special guests of Senator Wesely. They are 60 fifth grade students from Pershing Elementary in Lincoln and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you, Senator Kristensen, you wish to be recognized for...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Madam President. I would ask that there be a division of this particular amendment, as I feel there are basically three concepts here to be discussed. And I would like to vote on those separately, please. I would...I would propose to you the division as follows, on page 3,