

constituents who came to me about three weeks ago and who had a son who was killed in an industrial accident here in Lincoln. And he was not their dependent, but he did live at home. And they were concerned that the same thing that happened to them would happen to others and so that's why I feel compelled to speak about it. They did not, of course, get any compensation from the workmen's comp; but they did get \$2,000 in funeral benefits. Now you and I, probably all of us, know that \$2,000 does not...is not adequate for funeral benefits in this day and age. And so what I would like to do and hope that I can do next year is bring back a bill that will provide for the reasonable expenses of burial and probably put it at somewhere around \$6,000. It seems to me that this is not a big ticket item. For instance, in 1991-92 there were 57 deaths in Nebraska and this would have amounted, if we increase this \$4,000, this would have amounted to about \$228,000 out of an approximate \$133 million workmen's comp budget. I could run through the figures for the last four years and they would all be somewhat similar. I think it's an issue that we need to look at in the whole death benefit issue. But since it is an issue that hasn't had a hearing this year, I am going to withdraw it but ask you to remember it for next year when I bring it back. With that, I'd just like to ask to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any discussion on the bill itself? Senator Landis, would you like to make the motion?

SENATOR LANDIS: I move to advance 757 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: All those in favor say aye, those opposed. It is advanced. Next, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 757A. No E & Rs. I do have an amendment to the bill from Senator Landis.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. We have a technical amendment that's been offered. I hope it's up on the Clerk's desk and he