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SENATOR DUIS: I'm merely asking....

PRESIDENT: Is that on the agenda for today?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, it should be because it was held until the 9th. Oh, begging your pardon. Tomorrow it will be on the agenda. I'll let it go until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Well it's either you or me, Senator Duis, one of us was off.

SENATOR DUIS: It was the 9th according to your record? Fine, then I'll wait until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: That would be better really. LB 833.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB 833 be advanced to E & R for engrossment. I move that LB 833 be advanced.

(Senator Simpson presiding)

SENATOR SIMPSON: Any discussion? If not the motion is to advance. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay. It is advanced.

SENATOR DWORAK: I move that LB 25 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Motion is to advance. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay. It is advanced.

SENATOR DWORAK: I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 809.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Motion is to adopt. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay. One to nothing. Vince.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, there are a series of amendments offered to LB 809. The first is LB 809, the amendments offered by Senator DeCamp. The amendment was printed separate from the Journal and is in your Bill Book attached to LB 809.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a substantial amendment so I wish Senator Cavanaugh.... There he is. OK. There were two bills originally introduced dealing with this particular aspect of malpractice. There was 968 introduced by me which dealt with doctors; and then there was 809 introduced by Senator Cavanaugh which dealt with hospitals. The idea behind the two bills was that hospitals or doctors would be allowed to form their own insurance companies, and thus the losses resulting from any malpractice claims would be more directly related and reflect the experience of Nebraska.

It's believed by the hospitals and by the doctors that if this is done that over the reasonably near future we will see substantial decreases both in claims and in losses resulting from malpractice.