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might be helpful to that end. Oftentimes, in an emergency room, law enforcement asks the hospitals, for example, to do alcohol tests and that kind of thing. And remember, all of this is confidential information, it's not individual-specific. But these are the most expensive types of injuries, of course, and so I was interested in having available to us whatever information we could obtain that might indicate that these very serious kinds of injuries involved some alcohol testing at the emergency facility at the same time that they were receiving these people, so that if they did that, if they know, for example, and in many cases they would not know, but if they did know then to record that information also to help us get a handle on what's happening out there with respect to alcohol-related accidents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Debate on the Beutler amendment to LB 152, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I really don't have any problem with this. I think it could be advantageous for us to get a little better line on, first of all, what the cause of the injury is, if alcohol is indeed related to that, and then somewhere down the line hopefully we can use that information to determine the exact cost of alcohol in our society today. With that, I would just endorse the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 152. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Beutler amendment is agreed to.

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