

to section 5 or to Senator Simon's amendment whichever prevails but the purpose of this is to enable this Legislature in subsequent years to, in fact, determine whether there is or is not a beneficial effect. I think the greatest problem we had with malpractice was the fact that there was no information. There were no statistics to base any judgment on. We have problems enough in this body when we have statistics because we usually question them but I think if this form is to be filled out, and I am in agreement with that concept, I strongly recommend that there be a follow-up, an annual follow-up, on the condition of that patient so that five years down the road, if not sooner, we will be able to say, yes, from the evidence compiled in the State of Nebraska, we have records to prove that there is a beneficial effect or that there is not a beneficial effect, and I think without this amendment this bill is rather pointless because we can come back five years from now, make the same claims, the same retaliatory claims and no one knows. I suggest that we adopt this amendment so that this state records its own experience on which to base future judgments. I move the adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair will remind those who are interested in this particular issue that technically the time is up. I am going to allow another thirty minutes and then the discussion is terminated and I would appreciate those who are here now would come back this afternoon, first of all for Final Reading, and then begin some discussion on the consent calendar. I would remind you that we have sixteen days left. If we have the luxury of taking off Friday afternoon, there will be several bills that will not see the light of day. So who wants to speak to the Murphy amendment? Senator Labeledz and then Senator Simon.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a very short statement. We do approve of Senator Murphy's amendment. I originally had the very same thing in my amendment and then decided otherwise and took it out and was thinking about putting it on on Select File. So we do approve of Senator Murphy's amendment and urge the members of the body to approve.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I would like to commend Senator Murphy for going farther than I did, taking the same approach but extending it. Bob, I did want to ask you one question.