

individuals who represents a number of those people who have been affected by this, or will be affected by this decision, I rise to support Senator Hall's motion and urge unanimous adoption of LR 6.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rex Haberman, please. Then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I will not take too much time, but I heartily endorse the resolution. I would like to thank Senator Wesely and the rest of the people for setting this up to have the public hearing. I think it is very, very important, it is a big change. They should be heard. It shouldn't be rushed, so I would heartily endorse that you do support the resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I would ask unanimous consent to have my name added to this resolution. This is an issue that I've had a lot of mail on. I appreciate Senator Hall bringing it to the attention of the body. These emergency medical people are very important to medical service in rural areas. They are certainly concerned that the new system will result in training not being readily available. So, I concur with the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I would, as a co-sponsor of the resolution, again endorse it, but tell you that we've already scheduled the hearing which is called for in this resolution. The reason we preempted the resolution to do that is because after I discussed this with Senator Hall we discussed when we needed to have that hearing, and the decision on this matter will be made in one week. By the end of next week the decision will have to be made by the Director of the Department of Health. The director has full authority to take whatever action he desires at this point. It isn't really a matter that the Legislature can intercede on behalf of the EMS people, or not on behalf of them at this point, although follow-up legislation could occur next year. Senator Withem did have legislation along this line, in the last couple of sessions, to formally structure the EMS units. So, there is recourse to the Legislature in the following session. So, a hearing does have some validity in that regard, as well as in the idea of having