

If it is not, let's find out why and see that those people with head injuries receive treatments and services that are available, should be available to them as they are in any other type of injury or disability. I absolutely concur with Senator Wesely and Senator Warner that the Cancer Registry is a good beginning. We certainly do not want to jeopardize that. But we also do not want to jeopardize those people with head injuries because of the fact that we're unwilling to collect data. It can be done confidentially. And I'd just encourage all of you, very much, to understand the problem out there. It's the perception that many of these people are not receiving adequate treatment, and we need to establish whether they are or aren't. And I certainly, as representing some family members who have been in this situation, my heart goes out to them, and I feel that it's my obligation and certainly all of our obligation to see to it that they are able to access services that are available, if indeed they are. And if they aren't, that we can certainly work toward obtaining those. So I would urge your support and passage of LB 308.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Cudaback, you're next.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I'd like to show my support for this bill along with Senator Crosby. Until you have dealt with this on a personal level or a family member, you really don't understand the situation. I had a family member that had a serious head injury. And it leads to problems down the road, so I seriously hope that you would consider this bill. Along with Senator Rasmussen's, I won't reiterate everything she has said, but the one thing she did touch on was inappropriately placed. This can be devastating to the family and the member. In the past these people did not survive these accidents. Currently, with the technology we have, they survive many, many more times. So it brings on this problem of how do we deal with them. So I urge your support for this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. We will have Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members, this is one of these bills that, I think every one of us, is probably near and dear to someone in our family, or that no doubt there's probably a real need. My question is, and I'm somewhat like Senator Robinson, by our passing this bill and adding more personnel