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would have been allowed to indemnify other hospitals which were not in the State of Nebraska. The reason for this given was because there were hospitals in the State of Nebraska who had affiliates in other states and I believe Minneapolis was mentioned and I believe Kansas City was mentioned. It is my firm belief and the Committee went along with the amendment that we struck the word "without" the State of Nebraska and left the bill in its original form of insuring and indemnifying those within the State of Nebraska. Now I have two particular reasons for my philosophy in regard to this. The first one is this. If we are going to take care of the professional liability in the State of Nebraska for our people here, I feel as though we should confine it to the State of Nebraska because it will be our state law. It will not be an interstate law and, consequently, this would be something for the State of Nebraska. Now the argument that they put forth, the reason they desire to have those from without the State of Nebraska included in this was to increase their premium base so that they may have more money coming in with which to pay losses. Now I disagreed with this in this respect. By taking on metropolitan hospitals without the state, we would increase our liability so tremendously. I am sure that places like Minneapolis, Kansas City or these other places might have an exposure to suit that might be really tremendous and would task us and then our own plan for the State of Nebraska would suffer. I think we have an honest difference of opinion here but I am firm in my conviction that any act that we pass of professional liability relief from excessive premiums within the State of Nebraska should be confined to the State of Nebraska. Gentlemen and ladies, this matter of loss should be on a basis so that our own Insurance Department, and also the premium base established, would be on the basis of losses that occur to those people in Nebraska, not some other state. Now with that explanation, I am going to have Senator Cavanaugh take his bill and then I don't know if he wants to try and amend it back so that we insure people outside the State of Nebraska or not but that is where the difference of opinion may come.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dick Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Duis, if I might. We had in our Public Health Committee LB 968. Are you familiar with that bill?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I am familiar with it to the extent that in your Committee I believe you had amendments which you adopted which would include this bill in it, but beings this bill came up first, I thought maybe you might like to amend this bill because it is on the Board and it is before us now but this is entirely up to you. I am familiar with it but I presume yours probably has within and without the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, I won't pursue this farther. If this bill moves, then perhaps we could put some of the