

what the substitution was, because it is not the same thing. Also the doctor would like to know what it is. It does save his embarrassment from there. He does not want telephone calls. Of course, the amendment does not say telephone calls. It says it will be notified to the office. It doesn't say in what manner they will be notified. The doctors have assumed that it's going to be telephone calls. I know that this can be taken care of in all the smaller towns because you only have one or two drugstores and they can set that up between themselves if they want to have notification. I know the doctors that call me want notification of what they were given, what they had substituted. Another reason is, of course, if they continually give something that is not working and they have substituted, the doctor says "Well I'm not going to use that drug anymore because it's not working". Really he is not getting that drug, he is getting a substitute and that is really what this amendment, I think, is for.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in favor of Senator Kelly's amendment and for this reason--I think that Senator Clark just touched on some of the points that I wished to make. The thing that concerns me is what if an individual has an adverse reaction? Say it's late in the evening and the doctor might have to be called in, he would have no way of knowing what the drug was that was substituted. It seems reasonable that the pharmacist could telephone the doctor's office. I see no stipulation that they talk with the doctor personally. Now I know that the doctors are very busy, but what is wrong with calling the doctor's office, advising that the substitution has been made and that the nurse or the receptionist makes a note of this record on this individual patient's chart. It seems only a businesslike and a professional way to handle this. I would be supportive of Senator Kelly's amendment for this reason.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I feel this amendment would virtually kill the bill as far as any effective procedure, because the doctors that I know of are so busy now that if you clutter them with phone calls or with memos in their offices it's going to reduce the services they can give to the people. It's going to be very competitive. They're loaded right now. I think it is a tremendously impossible thing to have a check come, if there is any substantial substitution, each time it is done. I think it would virtually kill the bill as far as its basic intent and purpose. I, very strongly, oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This has been blown out of proportion to some extent. Now it is important to remember that the only substitution possible is in the name. It's not in the drug. The drug is the same. The only substitution is in the name. So there is absolutely no basis for the arguments that have been put up to this amendment. The Nebraska Medical Association does not agree with it. So I would urge you to vote this amendment down.