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able to now deliver the same health care into those situations that we do have in urban centers. It is a wave of the future. I think you're going to see a great deal more happening. At this conference, we were able to witness teleultrasound, teleradiology, tele...even telesurgery. Amazing the technology that is there. We have, right now we have troops overseas, both in Bosnia and in other areas, and I don't know if you know or not but we have our GI's who have now a chip that they wear on...around their neck just like the dog tag they used to have, and this chip, they just take out and slip it into a computer and it gives the entire medical records of this individual. And from that they know the blood type, they how if there's any reaction to any drugs that this individual might have. Well, here we passed a bill earlier this year on medical records and here they have this little bitty square chip, worn around a name tag, that can slip into a machine and divulge the entire medical records. That's just an aside to some of the technology that is there. This particular conference was put on by the Department of Defense and NASA, along with the University of Southern Florida and some other schools. But I think Nebraska can play a very important part in this. First of all, we are on the leading edge of some medical technology right now in our universities and in our hospitals, here at Bryan and some of the other hospitals in the state, out at Kearney, and we can just take that and expand it further into our rural communities. S. I was very pleased to pick this as my priority bill, work with Senator Kristensen on developing this very important aspect of medicine today. And of course, the whole purpose is to provide better medical care to the individual, no matter where he is in the state of Nebraska. I would just urge for the adoption of the amendment and then of LB 559. Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There are no further lights. Senator Kristensen waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM1416 to LB 559. All those in favor please signify by voting aye, all those opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The motion is adopted. Anything further on the bill?