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the result of their works resulting from the Nebraska Credential Reform 2000 recommendations. By introducing this legislation the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association sees continuing education as a step toward their effort in determining the continued competency of occupational therapists in the state of Nebraska. The Pages have passed out some sheets, colored sheets, what occupational therapy is, what other states require, what other professions in Nebraska require, and a letter of support from, Health and Human Services. I would just ask for the advancement of LB 346 to Select File.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, committee amendment, AM0044, requires every occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant to provide a list of continuing education activities they participated in or attended, the amount of credit they received for each activity, and the date, location, name of the approved provider who sponsored the activity. HOT and OTA is required to maintain records of their continuing education activities. The amendment provides that the board must biennially select a random representative sample of license renewal applications for the audit of continuing education credits and must require the OT or OTA to submit continuing education records in connection with such audit. The amendment permits the department, upon recommendation of the board, to waive all or part of the continuing education requirements in the bill upon submission of a documentation by a licensee that circumstances beyond his or her control have prevented completion of the requirements. Such circumstances include situations in which (a) the licensee holds a Nebraska license, but does not reside or practice in Nebraska; (b) the licensee has served in a regular U.S. armed forces; (c) the licensee has submitted proof that he or she is suffering from a serious or disabling illness or physical disability which has prevented completion of the required hours of continuing education. The licensee has been initially licensed by the board within 24 months immediately preceding the license renewal date and the licensee has successfully completed two or more semester hours of formal credit instruction which contributes to