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school, three years of residency, but we're going to stretch out that time limit. We're going to stretch it out three more years. Under my proposal, after you take that exam, the first exam, at the end of the second year you would have ten years instead of seven years to complete exams two and three. And if you've been following me here, I think, perhaps, you see a certain symmetry between the third time line and the first time line. If you look back at that first time line you've got all of your residency plus two more years to get that third exam done. Now, if you drop down to the third time line, that same situation would exist. You would have all of your residency, plus two more years to complete that third, and final, exam to be licensed as a physician. Let me just conclude by saying, this is not an accommodation for slackers. It's not that we've got some people who just aren't working hard enough, these are stars. The standards of admission to this program are very high. These are stars in our system. This program attracts talent, not just keeping talent in Nebraska, but we're attracting talented students from other states. What's happening now though is, we have a situation in which we're attracting the talented students, bringing them into the program, but then we've... we discover now that it's unreasonably difficult for them to complete the program within the time limit that currently exists in the law. There are about a half-dozen other states that have a similar dual-degree program, and they allow their students more time to complete their examination sequence. We run a real risk here of bringing in some talented students, getting them going in our program, and then if they can't finish within the constraint we've placed on them, they'll go to another state that allows them more time to finish their residency, take the exam, and be licensed as physicians. Therefore, I'd like to see us make this very reasonable improvement and solidify a great program. That's all I have, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. You've heard the opening on the Maxwell amendment. There are no lights on. Senator Maxwell, is there anything else you would like to say on your amendment?

SENATOR MAXWELL: I'll waive closing.