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for medical treatment. Outpatient treatment for alcohol or substance abuse is now added to those privileges in order that they...the inmate may receive that treatment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you're now officially on the committee amendments. You may continue.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. All of the bills which I have described for you were unanimously advanced by your Judiciary Committee 8-0, and I would urge the adoption of the Judiciary Committee amendment and the advancement of LB 17. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on LB 17, as well as the committee amendments to that bill. Open for discussion on such. Senator Connealy, followed by Senators Redfield and Engel.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the bill and the amendments, and I want to thank the Judiciary Committee for putting this package together. LB 344 was part of this package. That was a bill to put a deterrent into a mechanic, when they were fixing a car and putting a blank air bag into the repair behind the plastic that covers it and a unwitting car owner would get back a vehicle and not know that the air bag that is in there wouldn't go off, wouldn't protect the occupants of the vehicle. It hasn't happened in Nebraska, but it has happened in other states. You can buy these blank air bags on the Internet, and I think it's a good deterrent to make this a higher penalty for that specific action. So I want to thank the Judiciary Committee for putting this amendment together.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the committee amendments to LB 17. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, first of all, I want to thank Senator Brashear for bringing this bill, because I think it deals with something of some import. We are talking about protected individuals here in