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requires the owner of an AED to notify the local emergency medical service of its location, and any change in that location. I might mention, I did pass out before you a couple articles that were in the Lincoln Journal-Star. The one is particularly of use, I think, because it has step-by-step instructions on all AEDs. And I'll just quote a...from that article. And they're talking with Peter Eppens, who is a firefighter-paramedic. And he says: It's an idiot box, Lincoln fire...paramedic Peter Eppens said, hoping nobody holds him accountable for the disparaging term. What he meant is that nobody can screw up with an AED. They're foolproof. Eppens, recipient of six Phoenix Awards, has shocked six dying hearts into meaningful service during his more than ten years with the fire department. You can't fail with it, he said. And all I want to do is just make mention of the fact that this is a foolproof instrument. It tells you verbally how to use it. And so by being mainly...merely taking it off the wall, or wherever it is, open it up--by the way, an alarm will go off when you open it up. But the instructions are very clear, and it can be used. I also want to make mention of the fact that I have visited with the Chairman of the Exec Committee, who is very interested in expanding the AEDs here in the Capitol. I mentioned that we have one in the Clerk's Office. The Chairman said that we would like to put one out on the floor out here, also one downstairs, and maybe one up on the 14th floor. And so I'm pleased that we will have expanded places where they can be used and will be available to the public. And with that, I would just ask for the adoption of this amendment, and movement of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM0341. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Engel. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, today I fell into a Chris Beutler mode. I was doing something else while Senator Jensen was opening on his bill. When Senator Beutler heard Senator Mines describe a bill, Senator Mines had said "omnibus," and Senator Beutler thought maybe, being honest, he had said "ominous." And to be frank--I was listening in my office--I heard it the way Senator Beutler did, that it was an