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Duplication, that is a good picture of it right there. 1122 does not have a single direct sanction from the Department of Health to any health care facility. Their sanction is to the federal HEW office in Kansas City who in turn makes the decision, shall they bring a sanction against that particular health care facility. That is what we have been operating under for six or seven years. What we are saying is, if you stay with us, what we are saying is we give you three sanctions and they are direct against each health care facility that violates certificate of needs, one to \$500 a day penalty, one to \$500 a day, mind you, plus the injunction plus license revocation and all three of those can be brought direct by the Department of Health against the health care facility. We don't need 1122. We have already got lots more stringent sanctions built into the certificate of need.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you. Site acquisition, if we leave site acquisition in, somebody then could give a farm to a hospital and that has happened every once in awhile where they could actually operate that farm, the revenue could help reduce the cost of health care in your community, but if you adopt the amendment to the committee amendment, you can no longer do it. You are going to literally build this empire to a point where you can't save money. You absolutely will not be able to. It will take you three to six months for any hospital to even acquire a lot that they need for a parking lot or something like that. I will repeat then because my time is almost out, if we adopt the committee amendment form of the bill and the two extra amendments that we are coming with, we will be in complete compliance with the federal guidelines and I would strongly urge you to do this and let's keep this control of this particular health care profession in Nebraska. Let's don't be giving it to HEW either in Kansas City or in Washington. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, I overlooked you awhile ago and I recognize you now. Sorry.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I just want to call the question if it is okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is called for. Do I see five hands? The issue before the House is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record. I am sorry. It has been a long day. Have