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yourself with the nuts and the bolts of regulation and I think we are making a drastic mistake. We have made a drastic mistake by adopting those consensus amendments and we will make a drastic mistake if we advance and pass what is now a very poor unacceptable and potentially costly piece of legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, after waiting an hour and forty-five minutes listening to a number of you talk at least twice, I am glad I am recognized because I don't often speak but I feel we made a tragic mistake and I want you to listen. I served as Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee six years. I am Vice Chairman of that committee. I wanted to speak on the bill and particularly on the amendments that we have adopted. Senator Cullan just stated some real interesting facts. I don't think you were listening. There is some real technical bad things in the bill that we have just taken care of I think in such a serious way we had better start all over. We did not work several evenings, several hours, and as Senator Kelly told you awhile ago, we worked years and we have a serious bill here and it ought to be looked at serious, not with a small delegation in a quiet backroom but out here in front where everybody can see and have an opportunity to discuss it. I spent two years trying to get physicians to come back to Nebraska and I have spent a lot of time and money and I am proud of what has happened and those doctors are coming back here with the intent they are not going to be, as I think Senator Hoagland said, if the doctors office is generally associated with the hospital, they will be under this jurisdiction of this bill. Yes, we have put them back in now. If a private doctor can't come back here from California, I would like to read you a letter I just received yesterday. I think you ought to listen. "Dear Senator Tom. I have told myself at least a dozen times how very appropriate it would be for me to give you a follow-up concerning our family's adjustment here in Nebraska and how I had set about to avail myself of the opportunity to practice general medicine here in southwestern Nebraska." This doctor left Nebraska after graduating from our medical school, took his training in California and stayed there. "I have been delayed somewhat in getting started, but as you will see from enclosed newspaper articles, I have opened a general practice based in Arapahoe and reopened the Beaver City, Nebraska Clinic. I have been very much aided by David Tuning, Physician's Assistant, who has been practicing in the same capacity during the three years prior to our moving to Nebraska. I have found the relationship to be a

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