

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I am able to answer I will.

SENATOR RUMERY: I think that your ability is not doubted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But my knowledge. Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR RUMERY: In this proposal, and I must confess that I didn't read the results of the hearings or haven't even talked to several of you about it, but in this bill, would it be possible for areas that are working satisfactorily now, and I assume that we have these sort of conditions in Lincoln and Omaha and in North Platte that we have a system that is working very well. We have very competent pathologists there, we have county attorneys that are serious about their job and as far as I know this has been working very satisfactorily. Does the bill provide that we can have.....that we do not have to become a part of the state system if our local situation works satisfactorily?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Rumery, the way I would answer that is in this fashion. To make a bill like this go, the practicing pathologist will have to be a part of it. Some of them were concerned because they thought that they would be replaced, that their expertise would not be called upon. With the district concept where you have pathologists in place already, they would be a part of the system. Now you don't order them, you don't say you cease to be a private practitioner and now you must work for the state. But if you have a pathologist in that area, it is far more feasible to let that person do the work in that area than fly somebody from Lincoln or Omaha throughout the state. So in the areas where they have people able to do this or with a bit more training to do it, they would continue to function in that area.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you very much. Thank you, Senator Chambers. I would like to ask Senator Maresh to briefly tell me again, I was on the telephone when you....

SENATOR MARESH: Well, Senator Rumery, if you are wondering what my amendment does, it starts in a small scale, give it a trial, see if this program would work and have just one medical state examiner instead of having several district examiners at the \$115,000 cost.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and particularly Senator Maresh. First of all, I know that you are