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amendment. It is one that should be adopted. There is no reason to lay the bill over until next year. We have time enough to do a lot of things that are a lot less pertinent than the amendment which I have on this bill. This amendment, and I didn't want to get into discussing it today but I guess I will have to, it is an amendment which would modify the requirements for practicing medicine in Nebraska, but it will not dilute the thing down to less than other surrounding states. There is a physician that would like to practice in Mullen, Nebraska. He is eligible to practice in Colorado, but under the technical provisions of the Nebraska statutes, he cannot practice in this state. I have a very simple amendment which would remedy that. I ask that the bill not be laid over, that we discuss it this session and advance it today.

PRESIDENT: All right, any further discussion? Senator Cullan or Wesely, do you want to close? Who is closing on the....Senator Wesely, are you closing? Senator Cullan, are you closing then on the motion to bracket?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb had his amendment pending earlier and because of the time limitation he withdrew that, and I understand that tactic, but I don't want this bill...I think it very unwise of us to amend this bill on Select File. I do not want to see this bill become a vehicle for making some very serious dilutions of the licensure procedures in the State of Nebraska, and all I can say about the individual that he wants to lure to Mullen, Nebraska is that there are two methods that this individual could become qualified in the State of Nebraska now, and this individual did not seek either one of those alternatives. He still can seek those alternatives. If he is serious about helping individuals in the State of Nebraska, the mechanism is there. In my opinion, Senator Lamb's amendment will do very serious damage to the licensing structure of the State of Nebraska. It could cause very....allow for physicians who are not qualified at all to practice in this country. And I simply believe that that will take a great deal of time if we have to get into it. There are many more issues of significant importance to the State of Nebraska that we can address. I urge you to support Senator Wesely's motion to bracket this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the House then is the bracketing of LB 448. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is to bracket LB 448. Well, Senator Wesely, it looks like we are....

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