

obligations he entered into when he was accepted in that Mexican medical school. I don't have a lot of sympathy for him. Secondly or thirdly, I think we need to review the process by which individuals who graduate from foreign medical schools can come in to practice in the State of Nebraska. There are three separate methods that you can utilize to...foreign medical graduate can use to become certified licensed in the State of Nebraska. Senator Landis mentioned the Fifth Pathway Program which would have been available to this same individual despite the fact that he hadn't obtained a certificate from his Mexican medical school. Although we don't offer that program in Nebraska, he could have gone to another school in the United States and participated in the Fifth Pathway Program. Secondly, he could have taken a Visa Qualifying Examination or, thirdly, after he had obtained his permanent certificate, he could have gone the normal route through the ECFMG examination. All of those individuals would then have to take the FLEX exam in addition to one of those three options so there are a host of options available to this individual.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR CULLAN: He chose not to use the option that the State of Nebraska recognized and he knew he could have done that. My last point is that Nebraska is one of the states in the nation with the lowest medical malpractice rates in the country. That is good for all of us and I am glad that we have low medical malpractice rates in the State of Nebraska compared to other states but one major reason is that we just don't allow any Tom, Dick or Harry to practice medicine in the State of Nebraska. We have some strong requirements to make sure that physicians in this state are qualified. I think Senator Lamb's amendment seriously jeopardizes that. I think he is trying to allow this individual to come in to practice medicine in the State of Nebraska. If he would have met his own obligations and I think met the moral obligations that he should have met, we wouldn't have this bill before us today. I strenuously object to Senator Lamb's amendment. I urge you to defeat it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question or two.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb, will you yield?

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator Lamb, who approves the training