

that really isn't much of a test to ask that these people go to a medical school recognized by The World Health Organization. Similarly we found a number of options, different levels that people can go through in order to be recognized by the State Health Department in order to practice medicine in this state, that there were ways and opportunities in which most anybody from a recognized school with a background that was adequate would be able to find a way in which to be certified and serve and practice medicine in this state. Well, we thought there were plenty of avenues and the only reason this was coming up was that obviously this person must of had some problems that were fairly serious not to be able to go through these other avenues to be certified but we really questioned whether or not we wanted him to practice in this state, that there seemed to be all these other options, why would we need this additional one which was such a large loophole for him to be provided for. So I guess our basic conclusion came down to this wasn't very much protection for the citizens of this state, and number two, that there really were avenues otherwise provided for that should take care of most legitimate concerns and those wishing to practice here. We didn't need this and it probably would be unwise to enact it. So I oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to introduce to the Legislature Mr. Bernie Simon, President of the Omaha City Council, under the South balcony. Will you step out and be recognized, Bernie, please. We have Arnold Ruhnke under there also, former Senator from Plymouth, Nebraska. Will you stand out and be recognized, Arnold. Welcome to the Legislature, both of you. Senator Cullan, did you want to speak again? All right, Senator Lamb, did you wish to close? Senator Lamb, did you wish to close on the amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to talk about Senator Cullan's testimony that he says we are talking about foreign medical schools that are of low quality and that is absolutely not true. We are talking about the same foreign medical schools that are now authorized to take our people and then send them back as doctors. We are not talking about different schools than before, the very same ones. The argument that we are lowering the standards is not valid. We are merely substituting a year in the United States in one of our very well qualified hospitals in internship for a year in the foreign...in Mexico. That is the only difference and beyond that this one particular doctor which no longer figures in this situation could have gone to Colorado. He could have done it without any argument at all, and so I