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SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted?
Record the vote.

SENATOR WESELY: Record vote.

SENATOR CLARK: A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 406 and
407 of the Legislative Journal).

SENATOR CLARK: Did you get Senator Fowler's vote?

CLERK: Senator Fowler, yes, I did. 11 ayes, 26 nays,
Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. The next amendment.

CLERK: The next amendment is offered by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know we have spent a lot of time on these amendments and this is the last one I have up, but I want you to know that there is a good reason for these amendments. Each and every one of them points out a problem with the bill. Each and every one of them is an attempt to try and better educate you and the public as to the problems with this legislation and it is all a legitimate and sincere effort on my part to try and identify for you why I am so concerned about this legislation and why the editorial pages in this state in the major newspapers have all come out in favor of trying to stop this legislation because it provides too many loopholes, too many substantial changes that weaken this process to the detriment of the consumer and the public in the State of Nebraska. And this last amendment tries to combine about four or five different elements in this bill that all are very small perhaps in particular but very large loopholes in the end that could substantially allow providers to get through a review or to get a project through that they don't necessarily think can be justified because they have this sort of language in there. Let me take the first element of this change, this amendment. It deals with the question of when a new project is brought before the CON process, and right now Senator Oullan says that that has to be \$275,000 for a new health care service, if it is above that amount it has to be reviewed, if it is below that amount it doesn't have to be. Right now any new health service has to be reviewed by the CON process through the Health Department.