

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to read to you a statement that was made by the medical doctor from our own University of Nebraska Medical Center with regards to this, an expert in this area. He said it is important to remember that this is not a first step. I want to state that again. This is not a first step that the Marriott Corporation and a number of hotel chains, major chains in the country have provided, if any of you have traveled, a great deal of this information. Now, if you are wise enough to know about them, you can eat well on the road and in the restaurants. Those of you who have the problem, and they say about 50 percent or more of us actually have a problem with our cholesterol level and as those who grow older are ones who are more, usually more endangered, but I do want to point out that they have become concerned with the youth also and we've seen recently that we do need to have a concern with regards to the youth and the saturated fats. Now he says, I think that this bill, while it tends to target one substance a bit unduly, it is the group of substances in our diet, the oils that we eat that is power packed as far as calories is concerned and is malignant as far as elevating one's cholesterol if it is laden with saturated fat. You know, we are extremely careful with regards to many things and we say, you can only have one part per billion of this and one part per billion of that because it might cause cancer, but here we have something daily that you get up, you go to your breakfast in the Cornhusker Hotel, you have the eggs, the bacon and all of these things there. It has oils in it. They are fine as long as we are not utilizing those oils that are high in saturated fats in a great amount and it can be very disastrous to us through that of development of coronary disease. This is a health bill. It is one that is point targeted towards health and to the disease that is most common, it is the most common disease that we have here in our state and throughout our country. So the doctor says I support the principle of this bill very strongly. It's not an esoteric matter. I leave this with you. We have the opportunity, we have the opportunity to make a major step towards having the disclosure of the kinds of oils that are using for our own health and for the many people who are really very desirous and must know as to what the oils are in the general preparation, in the general preparation of the food in the eating establishment in which they may be in. I thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the