

started in on the discussion on this measure. It does a number of things, some of them already adopted by Senator Baack. First off, there are technical amendments to the bill that were necessary and those that I have are similar, well essentially the same as Senator Baack's. There is one additional item not of controversy that would be added, but otherwise that is not of controversy. Another change in this amendment deals with the CT scanners and takes them and puts them on a nonsubstantive review off of the list that had originally been proposed to allow for some review but not have them go through a full formal review. In addition, the capital expenditure provision in this amendment is 1.2 million. Senator Baack has already offered that and so that is incorporated. Where we have the conflict then is two points. The capital expenditure minimum for a new service and the list on what will be reviewed as a new service. Now Senator Baack has already moved from 1.5 million down to 900,000, but from the other perspective we're at zero right now. That is to say any new service would be reviewed under the current provisions of the law, and so we're going from zero to \$900,000. The other way to look at it is we're going down from 1.5 to 900,000. You can argue it both ways. I think \$900,000 is simply too high a figure for the new service. One of the charts I have passed out indicates that we have the new service reviewed in other states and that many have any new service reviewed in Nebraska. It is listed as being \$280,000 and the other services are basically in that range. I'm suggesting that we raise that to \$500,000 versus going clear up to \$900,000, but what this does essentially though is amend the current amendment which is at \$50,000, so we go from 50 to \$500,000 and then I think we'll have this amendment in the shape it needs to be to be further considered. So I'd be glad to discuss that further but I think at this point it is an attempt on my part to be somewhat compromising on this. The Department of Health would like to see a \$50,000 figure. I don't know that that is reasonable, but I think 500,000 certainly is, so I'd ask for that amendment to be adopted.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion on the Wesely amendment, please, Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Baack.

**SENATOR ELMER:** Thank you, Mr. President, members, I rise in objection to this amendment. You know the changes in licensures, the changes in professional reviews, ongoing operational reviews by the Department of Health for all of the nursing care, hospital care units in the state keep these