

true, but looking at other, there are obviously other areas where other people aren't grandfathered in. I believe Bergan Mercy has a neonatal intensive care that it was grandfathered into and there is some, I think, Immanuel, Clarkson and Midlands in Omaha don't have that and would have to go through the...or had to go through CON. Same thing I think with the CAT scan, I think Bergan Mercy was grandfathered into that, others had to do the CON. Finally I think to close, I'd like to point out that I'm not sure this is just an Omaha issue. It's...something that I guess we've been forgetting as we go through is that, for example, in Lincoln, and I think Lincoln's hospitals actually work together fairly well so far, but we're talking about one hospital that does open-heart surgeries in Lincoln and if it's such a profitable thing and that's apparently what it has turned out to be, those other hospitals are certainly going to take a look at it to see whether they want to get involved or not.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: With that, I would...like I say, it's not the intent to take up a lot of time. I would just ask that the bill be returned and that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz, on the motion to return, followed by Senator Baack.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand here with a little reluctance to oppose Senator Lindsay's amendments more so than ever because the session is almost to an end, but once in a while he does drive me back to Omaha and I could just see myself walking the interstate from the Platte River bridge. But I will have to, in good conscience, stand up and oppose what he is trying to do. We've heard all the arguments before, both pro and con, on this subject matter. This issue was raised on General File and it was thoroughly debated there. It was raised again on Select File and more thoroughly debated and nothing has changed between now and the previous debates. If anything has occurred, the debate has been good. It has served to strengthen the present provisions of LB 429 concerning open-heart surgery and has added reassurance that we were doing the right thing by passing LB 429 this year. And I refer to the letter that I distributed earlier this evening from Dr. Ferlic, in the letter authorized by Dr. Ferlic from Bergan Mercy explaining Dr. Ferlic's credentials and the details of his practice. He