

type activity. I guess I didn't go through those, but I...it's fairly common type activity that normally you could do yourself, or I...See, for instance, if you had a child, the parent would do it for the child, or if you were physically able you would do it for yourself. These are things that the common person could do, and that's what we're trying to limit it to, not anything with any need for training or special skills.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, so it was not designated for the, I think, the situation in the Omaha area then?

SENATOR WESELY: I guess not, but I'm not familiar with that very particularly.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'll go ahead and address the bill now, since this amendment will become the bill. I'll address it at this point, I guess. Give you, first, a little background. Maybe this will touch a little bit on Senator Hartnett's question. This issue was first brought to my attention when I was but a young pup in the Legislature, matter of a few days after I started. It was brought to my attention that in December of '88 the Department of Health had revoked the license of a group home in Mitchell, Nebraska. The reason for this was because a child, who had resided there for approximately four years prior to that, had...needed "gastrostomy" tube feeding. This had been provided by those people who worked at the group home. The department decided that this was outside, or invaded the scope of I believe the nursing scope of practice. And the...this is, I guess, a reinterpretation, this type of activity had been going on for as much as 20 years, 10 to 20 years, and doesn't just occur in Mitchell, Nebraska, it occurs in group homes across the state. Specifically with regard to this particular child, the child was living in this group home, like I say, for about four years, living near his family in western Nebraska rather than being institutionalized in Beatrice, where he had been. The child's medical history would show the child experienced fewer bouts of illness, particularly respiratory ailments, since he began living at the home, that would be 3 as compared to 15 in very nearly the same amount of time at Beatrice. His parents