

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I offer this amendment this afternoon. This is on page 861 of the Journal and it changes subsection 2 of Section 5 of the committee amendment. Nebraska Medical Association was having a problem with this section of the bill and so they gave me this amendment and I believe it's a good amendment. Like I said, they had a problem with this and the association takes issue with the statement that was in the committee amendment because it may prohibit the legitimate use of anabolic steroids and we don't want to do that. And what my amendment does is corrects that statement to say that the use of an anabolic steroid for the purpose of hormonal manipulation that is intended to increase muscle mass, strength, or weight without a medical necessity to do so or for the intended purpose of improving physical appearance or performance in any form of exercise, sport or a game shall not be a valid, shall not be a valid medical purpose or in the course of professional practice. I just think it clarifies this section, this subsection and so I would move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, on the amendment offered by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know a few years ago my wife was cleaning a bus, the church bus we had taken to Omaha to see the Omaha Royals game and she was sweeping the bus and the back door was open, and as she was sweeping and talking, she backed right out the back end of the bus and fell out onto the pavement and got a gash in her head, and we had to take her to the emergency room and it had to be stitched up and, anyway, the injury was not serious. She had a slight concussion but in treating that injury the doctor, because the stitching and the wound itched a lot and there had to be some treatment for it, so the doctor used some steroid to inject into the scar tissue to cure the problem and, of course, this is the kind of thing that Senator Hefner is talking about. There are legitimate uses of steroids for particular injuries and this steroid really helped my wife's scar on her head because it got a lot better. Her voice got a lot deeper, but other than that we were fine. (laughter) So I would urge the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the adoption of the amendment? Senator Hefner, anything further?