

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members, and, Senator Robinson, I certainly didn't mean to do that. I misunderstood what you were saying. I think the argument here is, again, you need consistent rules and regulations across the state and those are best drawn at the Department of Health. I have similar concerns as Senator Wickersham. I believe that the rules and regs drawn under the present director would be more than sufficient to address all the concerns, rural and urban, but I have had other experiences when the state or industry hasn't been wise enough to include all people in the discussions of rules and regs. A perfect example is today at breakfast this morning in Tecumseh, we sat with some just state workers and discussing bridges being designed and built by consultants on certain roads, and they are putting in three-box culverts a mile and a half upstream from where we had a one-box culvert sufficiently serving the water flow. They didn't ask the people that actually do the work. Had they asked them, they would have told them that, no, we don't need three-box culverts where there is about half the water flow of where you have one that is sufficiently handling even maximum water flows. They don't ask the people involved, so I have the same concerns Senator Wickersham does, because although I feel we have a very competent, dedicated director in the department today, you never know who will be there next, and I'd like to state my concern that as the rules and regs are drawn up, all people are brought into the discussion, those experts, so-called experts, and those that actually have to carry out the experts orders. I think it is very definitely something that should be state funded; the department should control it on a statewide basis so we have a consistency across the state on the rules and regs, and we should bring all who are involved into the discussion, and then get on with helping our volunteer personnel do what they are dedicated to doing, saving lives across Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Does anyone else wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I don't really want to get into a discussion on the fiscal note. I think that probably would be better addressed as the bill is discussed on advancement. So I'd rather concentrate on the concerns expressed by Senator Wickersham and Senator Morrissey, both appropriately expressing their concern that the Department of Health be reasonable in adopting these protocols and minimum