

But, for instance, let me work my way through some of these issues. The first amendment that...part of the amendment that we have up deals with nursing home administrators and how they have to go through their training to be certified and licensed as an administrator. Senator Byars introduced the bill. There was no opposition to it. It's very important to the nursing homes. The next measure is from Senator Schrock and it deals with some county hospitals out in his district, in particular, having a problem with the mill levy limits and would make an exemption. That bill came out of, I think, committee again unanimously and I don't know of any opposition to that. The next element deals with the question of physician assistants and their ability to prescribe pain killers and clinical nurse specialists, their ability to bill to Medicare. Again, we have worked this problem out with the physicians and have no opposition to that measure. LB 1278 does have some opposition from the registered nurses, but otherwise Senator Rasmussen has spent a great deal of time working with the Department of Health, nursing homes, the Medical Association and the Hospital Association and the LPNs who all are in agreement with the bill, as did the 407 Review process and did try and work with the RNs and has, I think, reached a reasonable compromise that everybody but the RNs can live with. But there is some opposition there but otherwise I think it's very important and very much supported. The CRNA segment of the amendment, the nurse anesthetists, we have worked with the physicians and where there was opposition in the past that's been alleviated. That bill is important not only to the nurse anesthetists but to the rural docs and to the rural hospitals who have a very great interest in that change. The next element deals with public health services where we have again had no opposition and the potential is there for reaching out across Nebraska and providing public health services. The next element of the bill deals with the open meetings law. We have open records as part of this amendment and this open meetings provision was something that again was unanimously advanced. And, finally, the measure dealing with housing authorities, as Senator Hall introduced, and we do have some elements of this bill dealing with modular housing and other housing issues and so this particular provision from Senator Hall deals with housing authority members being residents of the county in which they are in the housing authority. What I'm trying to point out is all of those bills, with again the exception of LB 1278, I know of no opposition to them. And on 12<sup>th</sup>, I feel as though that has been worked out to a point where we're ready to move forward. There's a lot of