the state and not in the western part of the state, you know, it's not doing what we have done. And I was trying to get a...a study was given to me back about ten years ago and I, I can't find it someplace, I'll try to get it, but on the quality of care that...they tried it in, it was actually in Senator Robinson's district, the quality of care of dealing with nurse practitioner. And when there was a doctor there, people preferred to go to the doctor rather than the nurse practitioner when they're unaware at that time whether they were separate or not, I have to look at the study again, it was given to me this summer. So those are my questions, Senator Wesely, if you can remember them all, I'll repeat them if you want me to.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I...let me start first, Senator Hartnett, you asked about geographic area and practice area. Those are two amendments that the nurses are giving up because currently the original bill didn't have that. They could have ended up being out in Senator Jones's district but having a practice agreement with somebody in Lincoln. I mean, that would have been possible. This, my interpretation of that would be that, that the nurse has to be able to call a doctor that's within, I'd say, driving distance, and not an unreasonable length. I'd say at most a couple hours or so away. Maybe a little longer out in Senator Jones's area, I'm not sure. But the idea would be as if you called, Senator Hartnett, if I, if I were the nurse and somebody came in and I said, ooh, I'm not sure and called you and said here's the vital signs, I'm a bit concerned, and you said, get him in here, that they would be able to then drive and get to your office yet that day would be my thinking, so that they, you know, we're not talking about having to take a day off to get down, that you are within a reach. Also the specialty area, we didn't want ophthalmologists out there being the physician of record collaborating with the primary care, you know, person. We want it to be generally linked up so it makes sense. A primary care doc with a primary care nurse or OB-GYN or what have you. So, so this is a, this is something the nurses have given up but I think it makes logical sense to do it that way.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Um-hum.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator