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briefly I rise in support of the amendment. We did have a hearing where there was very broad-base support for this. The concern expressed by Senator Engel, by Senator Matzke, is a legitimate concern. This is more or less a clean-up bill that takes care of a few problems dealing with pharmacies. I would ask your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: I have nothing further, Mr. President. I would just ask that this amendment be adopted.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, am supportive of Senator Matzke's amendment. I think it's...it was heard well, as Senator Wesely mentioned. And I do want to put on the record something, that I want to emphasize that this legislation does nothing more than change the name of physician assistants from certified to licensed. It does not change the physician assistant's scope of practice and does not allow any changes in their ability to dispense pharmaceuticals. I'd also like to mention that on General File I told the body that we were not going to turn in a A bill for this, this bill. And I left that up to Senator Wehrbein and I believe that Fiscal Office came through with a different A bill and it will be introduced, or has been introduced. We'll be dealing with that later. I urge your support of Senator Matzke's amendment and the passage of the bill to Final Reading.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: A question for Senator Matzke please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Matzke, would you respond please.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Matzke, this ability to fill prescriptions from doctors is anywhere in the country?

SENATOR MATZKE: Any licensed physician, yes, from another state.