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most noted of which would be it allows a nursing home administrator, with the approval of their board, to oversee two small nursing homes that might be in adjoining towns or something of that type, and I think Senator Jensen will cover that in detail. So that is the bill. I think it meets some real concerns in the field of healthcare administration from the perspective of nursing homes, as well as a burgeoning problem that has the potential of existing in those hospitals that have a nursing home as a function of the hospital. So, with that, Mr. President, the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Jensen, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 411. (Standing Committee amendment AM0272 is found on page 536 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment is a redraft of the original bill but makes a little substantive change in its content. A representative of the Policy Cabinet is added as a member of the Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration, and members representing other specific Health and Human Services System departments are eliminated. The long-term care ombudsman, always have trouble with that word, was added to the board in LB 411, but that addition is deleted. A nursing home administrator is allowed to oversee the operations of more than one licensed facility if the facilities are located within 10 miles of one another and the total number of beds in the facilities do not exceed 65. This amendment was endorsed by the Board of Examiners of the Nursing Home Administration, the Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the Nebraska Health Care Association, and the Nebraska Hospital Association. I would move adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Coordsen. On the bill. Seeing none, Senator Jensen to close. Senator Jensen waives closing. All those in favor of the committee amendments vote green; all those opposed vote red. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.