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substantial training course to get certified. I am assuming that the Health and Human Services EMS division is going to have the same standards as I have to adhere to. I have to recertify every six months in CPR and the defibrillator and we have to test these defibrillators every 30 days. They have NiCd batteries in them. They have some problems, the pads are only good for so long. You have to maintain the pads. So I am assuming that HHS is going to address all this in their requirements. So I certainly support it, but you're still going to...I still have a bit of a concern that somebody who has never been involved in an EMT situation like this may tend to panic, so we're going to have to trust EMS services to get these people trained well enough that they may use it once in their lifetime and they aren't going to...aren't going to get the pads in the wrong spot or something like that. It is pretty much a self-explanatory system and I did have one question, and that was whether they would have the same control modules and monitors in it that the EMTs have to have. We actually have a voice monitor on our machine. We have to talk into it as we work on the patient, and also records their EKGs, and I will work that out with EMS services. I am sure that they will have the same requirements. So with that, I support it and urge its passage. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Janssen, for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 498.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. It was my understanding when we visited this earlier that you were...it was going to take less training to operate one of the...one of these new machines than it does right now. Right now, I don't know exactly how many hours it takes, but I was under the understanding that these machines could be placed, as Senator Jensen had alluded to, on every floor of this building. Now are you able to have enough people to...will know how to run these things? Senator Wickersham, would you answer a few questions for me.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.