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is the exercise that they must do, when and the type of exercise, what affect exercise has on their blood sugar, when to rest and when to sleep, et cetera, and how must...how they must take care of their feet and hands, keep their extremities warm, wear the correct kind of shoes, prevent injury of any kind, like a nick or a cut, because it takes a lot of effort for the patient's part to cure a break in the skin. These are just a few of the things the patient must learn in the first few days of the diagnosis, and I even...haven't even dealt with the psychological trauma that accompanies this diagnosis. The following are just a few of the complications that must be prevented when the diabetic is managing their disease. As Senator Dierks mentioned, there's blindness; there's also deafness; there's kidney disease; there's cardiovascular disease, including stroke and heart disease; there's foot ulcers and nerve damage in the extremities, leading to amputation; there's acidosis and coma. There have been numerous studies showing that tight control and careful management of diabetics reduces long-term complications, such as kidney dialysis, amputation of extremities, blindness, and all the things that go with treating those types of complications, and in the end this will save the insurers money. It think it makes good business sense for the insurers to provide the cheaper preventative measures than to not allow for the best care management and pay for the expenses...expensive measures that will be necessary...that will be necessary if prevention is not practiced. I urge you to pass this bill and allow the diabetics of Nebraska the same opportunity for a long and healthy future as 34 other states have by passing similar legislation in their states. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. For discussion on LB 99, on the adoption of the committee amendments, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: On the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis, for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 99. There being no further discussion, Senator Landis, would you like to close on the committee amendments?