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committee amendments to the bill, Mr. President, and I'd be...Mr. Speaker, I'd be glad to take those up at this time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, you may open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: The committee amendment does three things. It adds an emergency clause and makes sections related to the transfer of childcare licensing and regulations from Health and Human Services to Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure effective July 1, 1999. It provides acceptable, two, it provides acceptable ratio of pharmacy technicians to be supervised by one pharmacist be determined by the rules and regulations of the Health and Human Services rules and regulations based on certain specific criteria. And, three, it provides that chairpersons of the State and Regional Trauma System Boards be elected by those boards and not appointed by the director of Regulation and Licensure. That's all the committee amendments do is just those three things. I would move for adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the committee amendment, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. If I could ask a couple of questions of Senator Jensen, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen, would you respond?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I'm sorry.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Jensen, in the committee amendment it talks about pharmacy technicians. Now are you changing...are you changing the number of technicians that can operate under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. I believe in the existing law it's one to one. Underneath this, we removed that and we put it in the rules and regulations which are determined by the Health and Human Services Rules and Licensure.