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sections. That's all that the amendments do; purely technical in nature. And that's where we left off, I believe, last Friday in our discussion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We'll next move to...we'll next move to debate on the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Could I ask Senator Byars a short question?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Byars, would you respond?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Byars, I was just curious and I meant to talk to you about this off the floor, but since I don't have that opportunity, every facility has a birthing...every hospital or place that has a birthing facility, do they have the necessary equipment now to provide the services, or does it mean they're going to have to provide to acquire some more equipment, or do you know?

SENATOR BYARS: No, they...not all birthing facilities have this equipment. And, yes, some of them will have to acquire it. In our visits we have included the birthing facilities, the hospitals in particular across the state, in our discussions, as we've constructed this bill. They are more than willing, because they feel that this is a necessary procedure that needs to be done, to purchase this equipment and provide it. I'm hopeful, through some federal funding, some other dollars that are available, although we don't address it, that we're going to be able to find some dollars to assist them in this endeavor. But they aren't asking for that. They would appreciate the help, but they're willing to buy that equipment themselves now.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I appreciate that. I just wanted to make that for the record, because I know that there...a question was asked me. And as you probably are aware, many hospitals have quit providing birthing services simply because of probably insurance costs and those other things, has nothing to do with this. But I was just curious because I have no idea what the