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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen would move to amend with AM3349. (AM3349, Legislative Journal page 1682.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM3349 is a one-page technical amendment to LB 819. It removes the phrase "owned and operated" as it relates to the definition of health clinic, to mirror the definition of the health clinic in the existing law, and prevent the unintended expansion of the bill to require the license of many more health clinics than are currently required to be licensed. Current law says that you have to be licensed as a health clinic unless you are a residence, office or a clinic of a health care practitioner. LB 819 right now says that you have to be licensed as a health care clinic unless you are a practitioner residence, office or a clinic that is owned and operated by the practitioner, which significantly narrows the exemption in the current law and would, therefore, require the licensure of a large number of additional facilities as health clinics. Language had been included in the introduced version of LB 819 and wasn't removed when the bill was rewritten by the committee amendment. The amendment would correct that oversight. The amendment clarifies the definition of intermediate care facility for mentally retarded to more closely parallel the wording of the definition in the current law, and also the definition of assisted living facility in the bill. It harmonizes wording in similar sections of the bill to make them more consistent with each other. That is the extent of the amendment, Mr. President, and I would urge the adoption of the amendment and advancement of the bill to E & R for engrossing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question is...debate on the advancement of...no, let's start over. Debate on the adoption of AM3349. Debate on the adoption of AM3349. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. Senator Jensen waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM3349. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on the Jensen amendment. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of