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it's making a difference in the life of one Nebraska child, I think we've accomplished something. So I thank Senator Landis for the information that he's provided and the help that he provided as far as the research process is concerned. And I would just say I would also support the ensuing amendments and I would ask for your support of LB 148. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Mr. Clerk, there is an amendment to LB 148.

CLERK: Senator Landis would move to amend with AM0508, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 623.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis to open on AM0508.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Uniform state laws are sometimes drafted in a way in which they will put in two alternatives because the Uniform State Law Commissioners are indifferent as to which of the two alternatives you choose. And that happened with respect to this law because in this case it says in a couple of different places "Attorney General" and it also says "appropriate state official or agency" as if there was, you know, you could pick which one you wanted to do. And I drafted this with the appropriate state official agency option. However, a Sarpy County Attorney, through Trent Nowka, sent in a memo in which they were saying that they thought that it was better to access the AG's Office, because the AG's Office is now doing the work that this section of the law was referring to. So he called up Royce Harper in the AG's Office for his advice, and he said, look, it doesn't make any difference to him because the Attorney General's Office is the appropriate state official agency. However, if we wanted to recite that in the bill, it would not be appropriate... not be inappropriate to do so. So to assuage the concern of the county... Sarpy County Attorney and to reflect current practice, I've struck "appropriate state official or agency" and inserted "Attorney General" with respect to page 22, lines 18, 19, and 21. And by doing so, we're simply reflecting current practice. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the