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SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Aguilar?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The last, very last, statement you said about in the rural areas, you were saying doctors are...I don't want to misstate. What did you say, that doctors are leaving or what?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Leaving the state, to other states that don't have such a high rate of malpractice insurance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I had heard something similar to that, but one thing that might help the doctors stay in the rural areas is if we would increase the minimum wage. Then they'd be getting all these benefits that Senator Cunningham told us go to people who make the minimum wage. But anyway, to be serious, I have to ask Senator Brashear a question about one element or segment of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes. Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, I'm not going to discuss the case itself because you mentioned it and it is a matter of record now that there is a case pending before the Nebraska Supreme Court and it's on appeal because a lower court judge struck down as unconstitutional these caps. Is that a correct capsulization of what that case deals with?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That's a correct capsulization. I think it may not only be the cap but it may be the act that was struck down,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...or portions thereof, but those are the issues. You are correct.