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SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I guess I serve on the Health and Human...I mean, the Business and Labor Committee also. And I was...(laugh) whichever. I was very upset when I saw this too, and though these were some people that surely could have paid back their loans. But in just...and Senator Vrtiska, after I pushed my light, did mention some of these things, that I felt confident afterwards that this happened really because of the fault of Health and Human...or, Human Services, and some bad practices on their part that was...that were just not carried forth. And there were several...I think one of them had paid and had a letter saying that it was paid in full. There was another one that thought he had paid in full but there was some interest left on it. And if I remember right, there was one that said it was so messed up the checks weren't getting cashed or something, so he just quit paying, and he was never notified again that he owed anything. And so he was a...and it was the personnel that were there before, as Senator Vrtiska said, before they are now. And they're very apologetic about it, and said that it...you know, it's been taken care of. So I was satisfied that there really wasn't much we could do. And I think Senator Vrtiska also mentioned that several of these doctors are not even in the state, they don't know where they're at, they can't run them down, it's been many, many years ago. So it's a very unfortunate situation. And I can't believe that the procedures were so poor and lacking, if...that this ever happened. But I felt confident that we had much...not much choice but to go ahead and pay the claims. So that's all I have to add. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Now Senator Vrtiska, this would be an opportunity for you to close on the advancement of the bill if you'd like, LB 806.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we have pretty well covered the area, and appreciate the patience in trying to sort through what has happened and where we're at. And I would ask for your advancement of this bill. So I thank you.