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SENATOR CUDABACK: Now you may open on AM3011, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. AM3011 makes the following changes to the bill as introduced. It reintroduces a change in the definition of "critical access hospitals" to permit hospitals that were licensed before January 1, 2004, to have up to 25 acute inpatient beds, as permitted by federal law. All other critical access hospitals would be limited to 15 acute care beds. The amendment makes technical change to the original Section 48 of the bill, and provides that any childcare rules, regulation, ordinances by a city, village, or county must be as stringent or more stringent than those of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation, Licensure. Current law requires local rules and regulations to be identical to those of the department. The amendment also then rewrites language, at the request of the Nebraska State Patrol, relating to conducting criminal history background checks of a prospective foster parent and members of prospective parents' household who are under the age of 18. The amendment then makes technical changes to the definition of "local health officer" in the bill, as introduced, in the amendment. The local health officer means a health director of a local public health department, as defined in Section 71-1626, or the medical advisor to the board of health of a county, city, or village. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM3011, which is an amendment to the committee amendment to LB 1005. Open for discussion on AM3011. Senator Janssen. Is Senator Janssen on the floor? Yes, there he is.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Jensen, could I ask you a couple questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, from Janssen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

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