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services in the state of Nebraska. We sat through about 2.5 hours of discussions with those individuals that showed up in opposition to the green copy of LB 1084. We had those discussions. We arrived at a point. We then had further discussions and arrived at another point, and we finally got to the point that we believe that what is intended in LB 1084 is to truly catch those individuals who have an intent to fraud the system. And we have gone overboard, in my opinion, to ensure that there is that level of comfort, making sure that the intent of the law is reflected in the legislation or in the language that is before you today. I will end my opening and give us the opportunity for the Chairman of the Health Committee to open on the committee amendments, since they do become the bill, and I will stand ready to discuss the provisions of the legislation before you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Jensen, committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, AM2590 replaces the bill as introduced, but retains many of the substantive provisions. The amendment changes and adds provisions to the False Medicaid Claims Act and provides for the establishment of a Medicaid Fraud Unit in the Attorney General's Office. The committee amendment was prepared after several meetings of interested stakeholders and has the agreement of all those stakeholders. The amendment provides both civil and criminal liability for making false Medicaid claims. This civil liability provisions are included primarily in Sections 3 through 10 of the amendment; then, in Sections 11 through 15, provides for the powers and duties of the Attorney General relating to the investigations, civil actions and criminal prosecutions under the False Medicaid Claims Act, and establishment of the State Medicaid Fraud Unit by the Attorney General. Then Section 16 provides contempt and other remedies that are provided, 16 and 17. Sections 18 and 19 is the criminal liability under the False Medicaid Claims Act. Sections 18, 19 prescribed criminal offenses and penalties under the False Medicaid Claims Act. And then also the bill does contain a severability clause in Section 20. That's just briefly the amendment which, like I said, does become the bill;