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SENATOR BURLING: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson, on AM3329.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I look at this as an historic day. You've heard me several times at this microphone say how hard it is for Nebraska to change how we do things. This is one thing that we've been doing for 125 years and now we're going to change. I think this truly is a historic day. One of the things that's made it possible is working with senators of the quality of Senator Burling and Cunningham and others, and, of course, many have spoken so highly of Senator Jim Jensen, and certainly that is deserved. I think that there's one other person that has come in for less than praise around here on many occasions, and...but I think this is one time when it should be recognized, and that is the role of Governor Johanns. This is an instance where he believed that this is what was the best for the people of Nebraska, and I can tell you, it was not a very popular political process for him to go through. So I think that Senator Jensen and the Governor are particularly to be praised for this endeavor, and now it's up to the rest of us to make it work. I think that we also want to say to Hastings and Norfolk that you've been the leaders for 125 years; there's no reason why you should not remain the leaders in the mental health area. You've got the best people; they're already there. Let's change harness and get to work. One of the problems that we've been working our way through for the last week or ten days is how to guarantee the success of this, to the best of our ability. The question has been how best to keep legislative oversight to guarantee this success. It seems that we've arrived on a compromise that is perhaps the best way of doing this--the oversight committee, working and reporting to the Executive Board, and with the oversight committee getting the highest quality professionals and nonprofessionals to help us in this matter. Senator Brown made the statement that, with this, we finally have the hope, I think she said, for success. I don't think that we want just the hope for success. We want a functional system that is working, and working properly, not just a plan, not just a hope. I think we have it in this bill and in this amendment, and strongly recommend that you vote accordingly. Thank you.