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amendment would continue to advance that idea in giving the department the opportunity to commit or to put those individuals into facilities that are in those communities such as Regional West Medical Center, and so I rise in support of AM3102. I think when you look at the track record that we have been able to build in rural Nebraska, especially western Nebraska, in this area, it does benefit us to have provisions in law that give flexibility to have those individuals put in the appropriate facilities, and this would give the flexibility to ensure that those facilities may also include those such as Regional West and others in western Nebraska that are providing these services. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Further discussion on AM3102? Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have a question I'd like to address to Senator Jensen, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUHR: Not having serviced on the Health and Human Services Committee and I was wondering if you could give me a little explanation of the mental health boards. I know that they're mentioned throughout the bill. Does every county have a mental health board? If you could explain, I would be much appreciative.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I'd be glad to. Across the state of Nebraska, we've got 93 counties, we've got 28 mental health boards. The typical board consists of, quite often, an attorney, a mental health professional--could be a psychiatrist, and perhaps a social worker. I find, for some reason, there appears to be a number of clergy that serve on that board. I will say this, that of those 28 boards, we sometimes lack some uniformity. That bothers me and I hope that we, through this and through training, we can get more uniformity in our system. When a person is committed by a mental health board, I just