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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This bill did come to, certainly, the Health and Human Services Committee, and it was one that was endorsed by all the committee. And there are a couple other things, that this coincides very closely with the Physicians Association and they have something called "locum tenens." I hope I'm saying that right, and Doctor...or, excuse me, Senator Johnson will...may add to that. But more than just even allowing for this event, we also have a situation where we have dentists in rural communities that are out there all alone and if they're not in the chair, nobody is receiving dental service. And so this also would allow a dentist from another state to come in and fill that on a temporary basis for that individual to have some respite, to get away, to go on a vacation with his family, whatever that might be, without totally shutting that dentist office down. So it's a very important issue to have this in our statutes and allow dentistry to continue. These...it's not on Kansas. It's done in Minnesota and some other states where they have had these events and they've allowed dentists from other states, other communities, to come in on a one-, two-, three-day event to provide services for underserved, that's what we're talking about here, underserved individuals. Now, right here in Nebraska, both Creighton and the Nebraska University have done some remarkable things and great things in allowing students from different communities, there was a busload that came down from Norfolk, some from, I believe, several of the other communities that they have brought in for a day at the dentistry. And if you go out here to the school of dentistry, you will see they're in hallways, they're everywhere waiting to receive care, cleaning, care to teeth that...and many of these kids have never been to a dentist before, had fear and in trepidation for going to a dentist. But it's been a great experience. I've been out there when this is happening. They have another one of those events coming up soon at the university and, if you ever have the opportunity, go out there and see the care that is being delivered, and also this provides that instruction and that experience in the clinic for those