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there. And the other thing is the size of the facilities and the number of facilities, so that the maximum number that one person could be...oversee as the administrator would be three or less. Now, what it does do is this; is it retains for the board to make the decision within these rules. The board still makes the decision, just with expanded rules. The head of nursing must remain at each facility. It's the administrator that can oversee more than one. The other thing that we left in this is that the administrator is, quote, fully responsible and is clearly held responsible for the administration of all of these facilities. When we look at this, I think what we are talking about is practical rural economic development, or perhaps we should be saying maintaining rural economic development. If this nursing home in Callaway, Nebraska could not get an administrator, or with having an administrator for a small nursing home you are adding so much to the per bed cost that it makes it not feasible for this nursing home to stay open, in committee hearing there were several instances of this that were brought up where this might be the case, so this is a way of maintaining these facilities but also maintaining the quality. I would ask that the body advance this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. You've heard the opening. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson would move to amend with AM0288. (Legislative Journal page 457.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson, to open on AM0288.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, this really gets back to what I alluded to in the opening and that is this; is that at the suggestion of Dr. Raymond that we specifically put in the bill that each administrator shall be responsible for and oversee the operation, and that this would be a maximum of the three facilities and, again, that, at his suggestion, we used up to two hours travel time. The other important thing that we've made sure that the language in this amendment was such that because the administrator might be in Kearney, for instance, with this nursing home being in Callaway, that the language is such that he still is clearly responsible for these...the