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just also add, personally, that this just brings our prescription issue into the twenty-first century. We actually have hospitals, we have pharmacists out there that have been ready and some of them even doing this prior to this authorization, and so we need to bring the pharmaceutical prescription into this twenty-first century. Facsimiles, electronic orders are part of our culture today and so we just need to move this bill forward. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendment, the committee amendment, and also the advancement of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM0808. Open for discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to give a little bit more information to part of this bill, which was one of my bills. It's the distribution of medications that are accepted and given to a federally accredited health department, of which there are five of them in the state of Nebraska, so this portion of the bill only relates to those five accredited community health centers. As Senator Jensen had stated, you know, these medications have never been tampered with; they've never left the community health department. There is no problem, you know, with them ever being, you know, returned or anything like this. This will not be accepted. But one of the regulations and restrictions and the things that are a part of the community health centers is that of these five accredited community health centers, they must have a contracted pharmacist to do their medications, as prescribed by the doctor in those health departments. So it's not just a pharmacist that they hire to come in and do something, a pharmacist at one time or someone else at another time. It is a contract that they have with a pharmacist. This is an individual that is part of the staff of the community health centers. So, realistically, there is no way that something could, you know, fall apart or anything like that. Everything is very straightforward with this. The medications have never been tampered with, but many times the medications, you know, never do get given to the individual that was supposed to receive these medications because the individual's medication