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of medications. I think that it approached \$50,000, and I don't know how long a period it was, perhaps half a year or so, where the medications now are literally disposed of, and so this is a way within the organizations that Senator Stuthman has outlined where these medications can be used, and it will cut down on the amount of money that it takes to run these various agencies. As far as the main bill itself is concerned, this is just one step, you might call it an outpatient step, of what is going on throughout hospitals and the whole medical community to make these records electronic, and that makes it a lot safer. We've been going with a lot of technical things this morning. I think I'll support this bill by telling you a little story about physicians' handwriting. A physician friend of mine had an open heart operation a few years ago. When you wake up from one of those you will have an air breathing tube in your throat and you cannot talk. You will be awake, however. And this physician friend of mine in the recovery room, what they do is hand you a little notepad and then ask you questions, and then you're asked to write your answers. Well, my physician friend wrote his answers. The nurse took the notepad, very disturbed, rushed out to see my physician friend's wife, showed her the notepad and said, can you read that? And she says, oh, yes, that's his normal handwriting. Nurse said, oh, thank God, I thought he had had a stroke. Thank you. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Further discussion? Seeing...there are no lights on, Senator Jensen. You may close, if you care to.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you very much. The amendment to the committee amendment, all it does is add an E clause, makes a small technical change in the bill. I'd ask for its advancement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Heard the closing on AM0808. Question before the body is, shall AM0808 be adopted? All in favor vote aye; those opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of AM0808 to the committee amendments to LB 382. Have you all voted on the question who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of