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because I think this is a way that all organizations should conduct themselves in trying to improve a system of care that can serve all of the public. I appreciate the Judiciary Committee in passing this bill out without any opposition. And I think it is good for the citizens of Nebraska that this be instituted, and would certainly ask that this portion of the amendment be passed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker...President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen and Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on the first component of the divided committee amendments, offered by the Judiciary Committee, identified by FA125. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend this component with AM0936. (Legislative Journal page 1000.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM0936 to component FA125.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, this is the kind of bill where I, again, want to be careful when I start out to indicate to you that I think this is a great idea. Senator Jensen has provided some great leadership on the Health Committee in the last couple of years, and Senator, I think this is another very progressive step. It's one of those things, when you look at it, you say, my God, that's the right idea; now, why did they take such a little baby step? And the baby step means, you know, it's voluntary, you don't have to join it. It's not under the government, it's a nonprofit corporation, so there's very little meaningful regulation. Even when you join it, if you don't really want to participate, unless they make some internal rules about it, you don't have to participate, according to the statute. So it is in fact a baby step. But it's such a positive thing to do. I mean, it basically allows professionals to look at the mistakes that they make in an honest sort of way, and come to some honest conclusions, and make some changes in the way that they do things, without adding an extra evidentiary layer that can be used by lawyers in the courts. And I think that's very important, because those of us who have been around for a while, we know that excellent professionals make mistakes. Excellent professionals sometimes