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would like to see in the bill that would encourage more work in this direction. But that perhaps is not appropriate at this time. But I just wanted to make the comment that I certainly hope all providers will participate in this. And I hope all of you will keep an eye on all your providers in your local areas, and ask the question of whether they're participating in this. And I hope the insurance companies will keep an eye on this, and to the extent that somebody is actually actively and in good faith participating in this process, that there might be some kind of insurance break for those people. Because I think, properly done, that this process can have a truly positive effect on preventing at least some of those occurrences that seem to be so repeating in these areas. And with that, Senator Janssen, I'm going to be...Jensen, I'm going to be supporting the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion? Senator Bourne, there are no other lights on. You're recognized to close on the first component.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just wanted to state that I very much appreciate Senator Jensen's leadership on this. I know when the bill was referred to Judiciary, he was...I don't want to say uncomfortable with that, but he was, I think, concerned that such an important piece of legislation might get caught up in the black hole there. And with that, I would yield the remainder of my closing to him, as it's his bill. I'm delighted he has brought it to us. I think it's one of the best bills that I personally have seen in the Judiciary Committee with...in this year. I think it's going to help Nebraskans. With that, I'd yield the remainder of my closing to Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: (Microphone malfunction)...Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Bourne. And yes, I did have that apprehension when it got referred to Judiciary. But that's one thing I've found down here, that we have good heads in all our committees, and they do excellent work. And this is a very important bill that I think can do nothing but help our citizens