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to withdraw them. Thank you for your time. I ask your support of LB 256 and the committee amendment, and I would welcome any questions that you would have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Price. You've heard the opening on LB 256. There are committee amendments, as stated by the Clerk. Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, you're recognized to open, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And Senator Price is absolutely right that there was a lot of hours and a lot of discussion and negotiation that went on this bill. The committee amendment, AM0542, makes technical corrections to the bill and it changes membership on the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse...Nurses from the green copy of the bill. After the effective date of the act, the board would consist of one nurse practitioner; one certified nurse midwife; one certified nurse anesthetist...registered certified nurse anesthetist; one clinical nurse specialist; three physicians, one of whom has a professional relationship with a nurse practitioner, one of whom has a professional relationship with a certified nurse midwife, and one who has a professional relationship with a certified nurse anesthetist; and then two public members. The Nebraska Hospital Medical Liability Act, Section 17 through 19 of the bill, the amendment makes technical corrections to that area only and deletes language that would have brought other advanced practice registered nurses within the definition of "healthcare provider" for purposes of the act. The amendment adds new provisions to clarify the scope of the practice of registered nurses to provide that evaluating responses to interventions includes, but is not limited to, performing physical and psychological assessments of patients under restraint and seclusion, as required by federal law, if the nurse, the registered nurse, has been trained in the use of emergency safety intervention; Section 24, page 34 of the bill. The addition reflects current practice that was made necessary by federal law which required explicit permission for such activities in state law. I would just ask for adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.