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physician has been trained to do and has the exclusive rights to practice at this time. I hope that we can have an open mind on this. We need to. It gets my attention, with great emphasis, when I see primary care providers as nurse practitioners. Members of my family see a nurse practitioner as their primary care provider. They do a good job. We need to allow that in a greater scope across Nebraska because, while it may not pad the pockets of some, the end result is that there's better care available and there's more access, oftentimes at a reduced cost. And, to me, that is a winning scenario. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith are you withdrawing AM0841 and AM0842?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: They are withdrawn. Back to discussion of...anything further on the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion of the adoption of committee amendments. Senator Smith, your light was next. Did you wish to...Senator Smith waives his opportunity. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Price's bill and I rise in support of the committee amendments, and I would have supported Senator Smith's amendments and here's why. We had a hearing on Senator Smith's bill. The opposition to the bill, in my opinion, were extremely unprofessional. They were...they showed a very sincere lack of consideration for the very individuals who are intendants in support of Senator Smith's bill and, in fact, they went as far as testifying on eight words in an eight-page bill about how much this bill should be defeated. And I have no doubt that some of their testimony proceeded the Health Committee in killing Senator Smith's bill, prohibiting him the same opportunity that we provided other