can communities do to prepare for a possible pandemic? Communities, they should carefully review the resources that they do have in place. They may need to build upon existing emergency plans in preparation for a possible influenza pandemic. For instance, communities can identify possible communication barriers like diverse languages and other possible barriers to effective medical care. So we do have...in many communities in Nebraska we have multicultural situations. Disease doesn't speak any languages. Contagious, infectious disease doesn't just speak English. You know, that crosses all barriers, regardless of the language that you speak. They can also develop a list of resources and plan for groups that might be hardest hit during an influenza pandemic. Communities would coordinate their plans with state and federal plans, test their plans regularly, and change them as needed to improve response in case of an influenza pandemic. And again, I am putting this legislation perhaps on par with what Senator Byars championed several years ago, when he proposed legislation for our...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...public health departments. You know, we do have regional public health departments now that we did not have before, and I know this is a concern for them. And legislation on the agricultural side will only help to strengthen the efforts that are being made. But again, as a nurse, I cannot stress disease prevention, good hand washing, and being very, very aware of where your hands are, washing them, and where you put them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Mr. Clerk, announcement, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee will have an Executive Session underneath the north balcony; Education, the north balcony.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the