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this bill provides that those physicians and surgeons that are duly licensed in other states will be able to engage in a very limited practice of medicine in the state of Nebraska. They must be graduates of an accredited school or college of medicine with a degree of doctor of medicine, they have to be duly licensed in another state, and they have to qualify under one of the narrow exceptions expressly listed in the bill. What we found was happening, but no one seemed to be aware of, was doctors were calling, were ordering prescriptions, were ordering follow-up tests in hospitals and medical facilities in Nebraska, but they were doing it illegally because the statute didn't allow them to do so even if they were qualified. So there is a committee amendment, that the department had clarifying language, and I am in support of that...those clarifying language, and the amendment to the bill, and the bill, as amended. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. As stated, there are committee amendments. Chairman of the committee, Health and Human Services, you're recognized to open, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendment is a technical amendment. AM2000 makes technical changes to the bill for greater clarity. It permits consultation with an out-of-state physician via electronic or other medium, and deletes the more limited reference to telecommunications technology. That's the technical amendment, and that's all it does. I'd ask for its adoption.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have a few questions of Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Byars. I appreciate your work on this bill. I hope that we can finish the discussion