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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a technical amendment. It changes some language referring to "licensed healthcare provider" to "physician," for consistency. There was a recommendation from the Department of Health and Human Services for a slight change in language to conform with other state law. And it adds some language to the school plan section to mention that the physician could...was in consultation with the physician. So I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on the Thompson amendment. Senator Johnson, your light was on. Did you wish...still wish to speak? You may do so.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, I trust that most of you at least have glanced at some of the NCAA basketball this past week or two, and saw the player from Gonzaga taking care of his diabetes during the course of a pressure-packed game. I think this really kind of tells us all a great lesson in where we're at with this disease. We have a long way to go, but this is a good bill, with good amendments, and I think that all parties are agreed to that, and I would strongly recommend that we pass this amendment, or these amendments and the bill itself. It needs to be done. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Further discussion on the Thompson amendment? Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do support the amendment. I also support the bill. Diabetes is a condition that, when I first got into nursing, the only thing we had to do to manage it, we had to test people's urine, which was very inaccurate. We had what was called rainbow coverage then, based on a Clinitest, which was a urine test, and it was very inaccurate. And now, as we've progressed over the last 30 years, we are very high-tech with insulin