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that satisfies their concerns, and that will be addressed in my amendment, AM1998. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, are there amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Suttle, I have an amendment, Senator, two amendments from you. The first was filed last year, AMO559.

SENATOR SUTTLE: I would like to withdraw that, please, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. No objections.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Suttle would move to amend with AM1998. (Legislative Journal page 243.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Suttle, you are recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The amendment prior to this is included in the AM1998. This answers the problems that the Attorney General addressed and this will, hopefully, satisfy the problem. It will be up to the Health and Human Systems to check to see that the standards in other states are not any different than they are in this state. And the one thing about nursing is, and the one thing about physiology and anatomy is that it doesn't stop at state lines. We all have the same, pretty much, physiology and anatomy throughout the United States. This amendment gives the State Board of Nursing the authority to restrict nurses licensed in Nebraska from practicing in party compact states during terms of probation, disciplinary action in this state. And prior to Nebraska allowing a nurse from a compact state to practice in Nebraska, the State Board of Nursing is directed to make a determination that the compact state qualifications for licensing are substantially equivalent to or more stringent than the minimum qualifications to be licensed in this state. This language corrects the constitutional deficiencies found by our Attorney General's Office and is reflected in the recommendations of the Attorney General in Opinion Number 99048, which is on...which should be in the Journal. Mr. Clerk, is