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that opinion in the Journal?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I am sure it is, Senator. Let me...give me a moment and I will find the page.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you. Nursing practice related information disseminated by the State Board of Nursing to licensed nurses in the state shall be disseminated to nurses practicing in this state from a party compact state. The State Board of Nursing is given the authority to administer the compact; HHS is given authority to release personal identifying information about a nurse licensed in this state to a compact state, including social security numbers. Compact nurses practicing in this state shall have the same rights and obligations imposed by law on nurses licensed in this state. HHS has the authority to determine whether a right or obligation imposed on nurses in this state applies to compact nurse practicing in this state. No officer, employees, or agents of a party state shall be liable in this state except as provided in the Nebraska State Tort Claims Act. And change of the operative date will be from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2001. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. The committee statement is the most comprehensive thumbnail sketch that you can read about this. It's complicated. It has to deal mostly with sanctions and nurses that are in trouble, which are very few and far between in the state of Nebraska I am happy to report. I know that this will help the western part of the state with their nursing shortage. They will be able to contact neighboring states and be able to help...they will be able to be helped for at least triage and education matters that nurses are stretched to the very limit in, especially in western Nebraska as well as in the entire state. I'd appreciate your support of this amendment and ask for an advancement of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. We are discussing AM1998 to LB 523 found on page 243 of the Journal. Anybody wishing to discuss the amendment? Seeing no lights on, Senator Suttle, would you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I...if you will look