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that have expressed their support. We brought many of these people together in consensus-building meetings throughout the summer. More people signed on. I'll talk a little bit more about what was the opposition and what isn't any longer, but we have the Nebraska Hospital Association; the Department of Education; the State Board of Education passed a legislative resolution supporting the legislation; the Nebraska Interagency Coordinating Council; Boys Town Hospital and Research Center has been a tremendous help in giving us background and accurate information relative to newborn hearing screening and its necessity; the Nebraska Medical Association; Nebraska Academy of Pediatrics; the University of Nebraska Med Center and Nebraska Health Systems; the Lincoln Public Schools; the Nebraska Speech, Hearing and Language Association; the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, all of these people have been a part of constructing and supporting this piece of legislation, and I am very appreciative for that help and that support. At the beginning when we constructed the bill, we had language in it, which in your bill is Section 12, which does mandate the insurance companies of the state of Nebraska to cover newborn hearing screening. Obviously, the insurance industry, for many reasons, most of which are just opposition to mandates, they never did have an opposition to what it was going to cost them, but the mandate, itself. We have...have through an amendment, which you'll see here shortly, have taken Section 12 out of the bill. So we no longer mandate the insurance companies to pay for this screening, but we put in a standard of care that will be established so that the hospitals and the insurance companies can negotiate fees, and everybody seems to be happy with that. If you have any questions, there are representatives of both the insurance industry and the Hospital Association in the lobby. If you have any questions, certainly they have offered to answer those for me. But now I think we have, as near as I can tell, consensus on the bill as it is drafted. What...what is newborn hearing screening? We had a wonderful hearing in that we brought in an audiologist from Lincoln Public Schools, we brought in a mother with a newborn, and actually did a testing before the committee, to show the committee and others that were present how simple this test is. It's very simple, noninvasive, and a test for congenital hearing loss. As the bill is drafted, it's conducted in the hospital before newborns are discharged to go home. There are two methods, they are technical. I won't