

of Health and I think this is very essential because right now we have no rules and regulations on an abortion, what I consider a clinic although they call it a center. In Section 6 (a) of the regulations and standards governing health clinics each health clinic is required to establish a working relationship with other health care facilities and social services in order to provide a continuity of services and care for its clients. These regulations state that all health clinics shall maintain written documents showing evidence of such relationships. Now I think there is two amendments, three, actually four that we are considering right now and I will go in detail after the committee amendments are adopted but I do have other information here and I don't want to take up too much time because I am sure there is going to be a lot of people that will want to talk on the matter but we also want to require that facilities which perform ten or more abortions per week be licensed as a health clinic. We are also attempting to distinguish those facilities which perform a large number of abortions on a continual basis from those who perform this procedure on a limited basis. Those offices, residences or clinics of a private physician which perform ten or more abortions per week should be defined as a clinic and subject to the regulations and standards governing health clinics and I have articles here from the World Herald that were put out in the spring of 1975 where the clinic in Omaha stated that whenever there was any complications on abortion procedures that the patient could go to the Medical Center for emergency treatment but in parts of the article it says here, "We would not wish to imply or engage in any way to become a medical backup for the doctor at the Lady's Center, says Douglas S. Peters, University Hospital Administrator. Our institution is not seeking that kind of relationship because I believe it generally is not consistent with our basic mission and purpose. Our overriding purpose is the education of students in the health sciences." Doctor Epp of course is the doctor that performs the abortions in Omaha and he still stands by firmly that if there are complications he can send them to the Medical Center. Doctor Scott said he told Doctor Epp that the emergency room would treat Lady Center patients if they came there because it cares for all emergencies. Doctor Scott said the first he knew that the Lady Center planned to use NU as its emergency referral when he was told by a World Herald reporter. Doctor Epp said that it was decided to send patients primarily to that Medical Center because it was close and has a complete emergency room as any other hospital. It goes on to say that if patients will be told if complications arise later, they should contact the Lady Center and the staff would decide whether hospitalization would be necessary or would be required. There are many many reasons besides the NU response