

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to return 578 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Lynch is offering that motion. The amendment is on page 2028 of the Journal.

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Lynch, for the amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, it is always good to have your bill preceded by a good straight man line to get everybody's attention, and I really appreciate that from one baldheaded actor to another. Mr. Chairman and members, LB 578 has only one purpose. It requires out of state pharmacies, which mail prescriptions into Nebraska, to comply with the same Nebraska statutes and rules and regs that all of the companies in Nebraska have to conform to. We've checked out these rules and regs and they are really not that restrictive, but they are very important from a consumer point of view, and should be complied with for anybody that sells prescriptions in Nebraska, especially those who are older and require an awful lot of drugs. However, in the process of considering this legislation it was pretty obvious that there could be some problem, and probably unfairly in states where their standards are as high, or higher than Nebraska's, that they should not be subject to the inspection or to the registration fee, on an annual basis only \$50. So I've offered an amendment I'd like you to consider, and return the bill to consider, which would simply replace the bill and it provides that very thing. It provides that, in states where the standards are equal to or higher than Nebraska's, no inspection would be necessary, and, in fact, no fee would be needed. It is about as simple as that. I'll be glad to try to answer any questions. I would ask for your consideration in returning this for the adoption of this amendment. By the way, the amendment is found on page 2028 and 2029 of May 2, 1985.

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, at this particular time I don't really have any problems with the amendment offered by Senator Lynch to LB 578. There are two very serious problems with this particular piece of legislation. One is that as it stands, prior to this amendment, it will increase health care costs to the elderly that presently make use of prescriptions that they purchase from an out of state pharmacy and in groups, such as, for