

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President, I will certainly try. So that no one is confused, it is true that for an athletic trainer to treat someone, remember, "treat", there would have to be a request by a practicing physician to do that. However, a practicing physician can also identify a dentist, a physical therapist, a chiropractor, another physician, a podiatrist, a nurse, or an osteopath, or a lot of other practitioner art people to, in fact, treat, to, in fact, treat. What this simply does, this amendment does is to identify where that skilled professional, and I certainly do support Senator Goll's priority bill to, in fact, license athletic trainers, but what this simply does though is identify where that athletic trainer is hired and, in fact, practices. Hires, he is hired by and practices his art for educational institutions. So does a doctor. So does a physical therapist, so do a lot of other people. Professional athletic organizations, and national or international athletic trainer organizations sponsored by the board. So here again when rules and regulations are established, the board would identify again, you know, where a person who is a licensed athletic trainer should practice. Am I having trouble with the microphone or is it just me here? I think...it doesn't make any difference.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is just you.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, all right, I was worried about the electronics again. But in any case, Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify that it certainly isn't the intention of this amendment to complicate anything that was intended with Senator Goll's good work on his priority bill, but to satisfy those people who are concerned, and especially other practitioner arts, as I have already mentioned a time or two, how this would work, this amendment simply reinstates language that, in fact, was in the original bill and was in the original bill for a very good purpose and that was to accomplish the very things I have already discussed with you in my closing. So I would hope you would support, in fact,