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SENATOR PREISTER:    Mr. President, I will yield that time to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR JONES:        Senator Schimek, you have 3 minutes and 37 seconds.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:     Thank you, Mr. President and members, and thank you, Senator Chambers, for those words of wisdom. I think you expressed something that needed to be said, which we are all saying in one way or the other, that this is not a daily occurrence, but yet...but yet, if you are one of those neighbors, you have the deep kinds of concerns that we've been trying to express here today. I'd like to just recap for you what I think are the major concerns that we've expressed this morning and that we hope will be kept in sight as we go through this process. And I have no doubt that Senator Jensen and the Health Committee are going to do that, but this is for all the other players and actors in this reform, if I could. Number one priority is safety of neighborhoods. We need to reassure people that our children and our families will be safe in those neighborhoods. Number two, we need to have trained and licensed staff. This was one of the big issues that I believe was revealed by this incident. Not every one of our group homes is licensed, and perhaps, no matter how large the clientele, we need to license these homes. We need to make certain that there is oversight by the Health and Human Services staff, whether that means unannounced visits into group homes, or regularly scheduled visits into group homes. HHS needs to give its oversight. We need appropriate placement of the residents, in the first place. And finally, we need regulations and laws in place for fining or closing facilities that don't make standard. And having said all of this today, I would like to finally, one more time, thank Senator Jensen and his committee for working so hard on this issue and I believe that we should go forward with it. And with that, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw my motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR JONES:        One minute. Thank you. Next speaker...withdraw the motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING