

originally introduced, the bill was too broad in its scope. And at first the Technical Advisory Committee didn't really act on the question of x-ray of extremities and soft tissue or labs, in particular, but as general, combined, they said they didn't support that expansion of authority. But then the chiropractors changed their proposal or demands to only wanting to have the x-ray of extremities and soft tissue. And so the Board of Health and the Director of Health, in their 407 review, did support that particular item. LB 348 includes both the x-ray of extremities and soft tissue and those lab work diagnostic provisions. So the committee amendment would delete those elements of the bill that provide for the lab diagnostic work and retain the ability of chiropractors to do x-rays of extremities. Right now, they're able to do x-rays of the axial skeleton, from the skull and down your spine. But they want the ability to do x-rays of, obviously, arms and legs. The concern, and I want to state this for the record if the legislation is passed, that this does not open up the possibility for CAT scans or MRIs or other types of diagnostic screening.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. (Gavel.) Could we please hold down the conversation, it's very difficult to hear the speakers. Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. That we are not, by using the term x-ray, implying anything more than the fundamental concept of x-rays as we know them today and in the future. The more significant and sophisticated types of examinations would not be allowed under this, and that would be the CAT scans and all those things. Hopefully, that would be clear, but just for the record, we want to make that legislative intent there. So, very much, I would encourage the body to adopt the committee amendments which bring the bill back into the focus that the 407 review supported and indicated that they would advise the Legislature to adopt. I can tell you this, without the committee amendments, I would oppose the bill. But, with the committee amendments, I do support it and would ask your support for the committee amendments as well.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, you're next, but may I introduce some guests, please, before you speak. In the south balcony, Senator Beck has some special guests, Mrs. Deb Smith and her children, Naomi, Jessica, Caleb and Zach. And Senator Ashford also has guests in the south balcony, Rita and Ann Heikle (phonetic) and John and Monica Joseph. Would you folks