

limited to the axial skeleton. We're trying to just make it very clear in a reasonable, fair fashion that because of the diagnostic expansion in x-rays we aren't also expanding the scope of practice to include things that are not now covered. The original amendment talked about fractures and tumors, infectious and contagious diseases and school physicals not being under the scope of practice of chiropractors and it was felt, rather than listing out those items, it would be better to just generally acknowledge the intent of the legislation, that it was not to expand the scope of practice. This is in keeping with two different statements made. Randy Hinze, Dr. Hinze, the President of the Chiropractic Physicians Association said, and I quote, "We asked for this expansion not to expand our scope of treatment of the patients, but rather to better serve our patients through the expanded diagnostic procedures." That is what everybody, I think, understands is the intent of this legislation. Furthermore, in the report, the 407 report that Dr. Wright issued, he said, "Nothing in this expansion diagnostic procedures should be interpreted as an expansion of the scope of chiropractic treatment that is specifically not asked for by this application. The treatment of fractures, tumors and any other complaint not amenable to the removing of any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve energy is specifically not within the scope of practice of chiropractic in Nebraska and this application does not seek to change this." In addition, Dr. Wright talked about the fact that school physicals would not be covered by the expanded diagnostic authority. So because of what was intended and discussed in the 407 review and in the report and concerns that the bill didn't actually say what had been expressed, it was felt by Senator Langford and I that this amendment would clarify that we're talking about diagnostic ability to use x-rays, the scope of practice isn't affected and, hopefully, everybody can go home and feel good about the bill. With that, I'd move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion of the Wesely amendment, Senator Langford, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Actually, you all have heard from the very beginning that all this bill does is allow for a skeletal x-ray and the extremities. I'm sure you've all heard it more than you want to. However, this amendment which is jointly sponsored by