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SENATOR ROGERS: I received a letter from a physician in my area and I'll just read you two or three lines of it, because I've heard both ways. It said, you were deluged with arguments that the Department of Health approved this change to LB 407 review process. This is not accurate. Now, is my letter inaccurate?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I'm afraid it is. The 407 review has three stages. The first is a technical committee review. They did not support the changes, but then the chiroprac...and that was because it dealt with more than x-rays. It dealt also with lab work and other types of expanded scope of practice, so they did not like that. But then the chiropractors came back and said all we want is the x-rays and on that level both the Board of Health and the Director of Health did support that change. So the Director of Health being the Department of Health, I would have to say that they did support, through the 407 review, this change.

SENATOR ROGERS: Okay, then I'd like to ask you another question if you can answer it. I mean, I've been supporting the bill, but there...what qualifications or what...the nurses in a little clinic in central Nebraska, what do these nurses...what are they required to take to be able to x-ray, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, nurses have any number of different ways they can get their degrees and I'm not sure how that ties into their ability to do x-rays. We do have a bill that just went through on x-ray techs who do handle x-rays that are now going to require some training in that area and so we have tried to recognize x-rays are important and some training is required.

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, I guess what I'm trying to say, that I know in previous years that there were so-called nurses that x-rayed me that never went to school. This I know. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from the 24th Legislative District, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I only pushed my button on after I heard Senator Hefner's comments, because he, you know, says that this is one of those tough issues and we've got people for it and against it like we do on so many other things, but I think, I don't know if Senator Hefner remembers