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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, let me make a little preliminary statement. You said you've not heard anything from the stakeholders about this bill. Now if you spelled that stake s-t-a-k-e, it could mean a piece of wood that's sharpened and the bill could look like Dracula, and the stakeholder in this instance would want to drive the stake through Dracula's heart. On the other hand, if you spell it s-t-e-a-k, then the bill is the steak and what I'm holding in my hand is not a piece of wood but a large fork which I intend to stick into the steak. This is a very lengthy bill, isn't it?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this amendment is very lengthy, although not quite the length of the original bill. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who asked that this bill be introduced again?

SENATOR JENSEN: The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they didn't ask a specific senator to bring it, but rather you as the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, this was before the committee. Actually this is one of the committee priority amendments...bills.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I see that, but no individual thought it was important enough to prioritize?

SENATOR JENSEN: No. The committee thought it was important to prioritize.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Governor is the one who owns the HHS, isn't he?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, I don't know that he owns it, Sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I meant he...yeah, he presides over