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CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Senator Stuhr et al. amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen would move to amend with AM2724. (Legislative Journal page 715.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on AM2724, which is an amendment to LB 906. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This amendment really contains two provisions of two bills that were advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee regulating to...or relating to regulation and licensure of occupational therapist and also pharmacist. Both these bills were advanced unanimously. These are from the same section of licensure as professional and occupational section of the public health and welfare section of our statutes. LB 941 was introduced by Senator Byars and is the result of a 407 review of occupational therapists, and I will, in a moment, give the rest of my opening time to him; and also LB 929 was introduced by Senator Cunningham to address necessary changes in statutes relating to the practice of pharmacy. Senator Stuhr has...is aware of this and I have also committed to her that, should these amendments become a problem, that we will withdraw them. But with that, I would like to yield the rest of...or some of my opening time to Senator Byars and then, if time is available, to Senator Cunningham for both of these issues. I'll relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Byars, about 8, 30.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As Senator Jensen said, this is LB 941, which was introduced to regulate and license occupational therapists in the state of Nebraska. What LB 941 does is to put mandatory licensure requirements for occupational therapists into conformity with similar therapy providers. The bill does not expand the scope