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just explain briefly what the difference is between an occupational therapist and a physical therapist as such?

SENATOR BYARS: I'll try briefly, not being a professional in either one of those professions. A physical therapist deals with adjusting the body or parts of the body, and they do it hands on touching. And occupational therapist can use many other modalities. We have a situation in our hospital in Beatrice where we have a new DynaVision machine which doesn't...you don't touch the body at all but the therapist uses a series of lights to retrain eyes to function at a level that they functioned at before a traumatic brain injury or before a stroke or something like this. An occupational therapist, as I would define the two, would be more of a...although it could be...sometimes can approach some physical things but it is more mental. It's more retraining of the body to do things and of the mind to do things, where physical therapists focuses on the body. That's their total function.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then more specifically in that regard, Section 64 of the bill, which is on 32...page 32, is very short. It says: The public may have direct access to occupational therapy services. It just struck me as a peculiar...I wasn't sure whether it was meant in the sense that the public shall have direct access to occupational therapy services or may have under certain conditions if the regulators allow. I mean it's a curious way of defining in the sense that usually you describe what an occupational therapist could do and what authority, if any, others may have over them and then the public can use them in accordance with what they can do. But maybe you...I would ask you to respond to the intent of that particular sentence.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Yes, I think it was as part of the 407 process a direct response that the doctors who would typically be someone who would direct you to that type of treatment and the occupational therapist found that this isn't always a necessary thing. And so it was felt that the language was needed that you or I, as we would