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health and Medicaid...or, excuse me, medical education: The bill changes...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...various provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act to clarify that the term "mental health professionals," as used in the act, includes licensed mental health practitioners and psychologists. The bill creates the University of Nebraska Medical Center Medical Education Revolving Fund to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support for the funding of Medicaid (sic) education. That will conclude my opening. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments. As Chairman of the committee, you're authorized to open on those committee amendments to LB 1005.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. As you'll recall, in the bill there was talk of critical access hospitals. The committee amendment strikes Section 30 of the bill relating to critical access hospitals because of a potential fiscal impact of this change. I have introduced an amendment to the committee amendment, Mr. President, to reinstate the amended version of the section back into the bill because we have found there will not be a fiscal impact. Certainly, as we do with these bills that we have as committee priority bills, we don't want to have a potential fiscal impact, and that's why it was removed by this amendment. Later on, there will be an amendment to put it back in since we found out there would not be a fiscal impact. With that, Mr. President, and with your permission to take under consideration my amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'll go to the Clerk first, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk, recognize the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Jensen and Byars would move to amend the committee amendments with AM3011. (Legislative Journal page 957.)