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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the opening on AM2928. Open for discussion. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Actually, I would like to address the bill, just the earlier amendment. I just want to clarify a question that I had. I wondered if Senator Jensen would yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is Senator Jensen on the floor?

SENATOR COMBS: Or Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, he is. Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question from Senator Combs?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR COMBS: I just wanted to get on the record, there was a point of clarification on the bill in the definitions. And I'll read it off my gadget here. In...starting on page 6, where it talks about complex...or, nursing interventions means interventions which require nursing judgments to safely alter standard procedures in accordance with the needs of the resident. And then it goes on, the new language says, complex nursing interventions does not include a nursing assessment. I just wanted to be clear that that language is permissive, in order to permit a complex nursing assessment to be done in the case of a change of condition. Is that correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR COMBS: Okay. I just wanted to make that clear, because there was a misunderstanding in just reading the law, the new sentence that was added, that might be preclusive to a complex nursing intervention being done. So just for the record, a nursing assessment would be done upon recognition of a change in condition in a resident, and then subsequent to the nursing assessment being done, if further level of care was deemed appropriate, it would not be done in the assisted-living unit, but then the resident would be transferred on based on that assessment. Is that correct?