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SENATOR CUDABACK: You may proceed.

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, Mr. President, thank you. I just found it. The committee amendments would do two things. It would strike the bill's Section 9, that would amend Section 44-789 regarding mandated coverage for TMJ disorder; and, number two, it would strike the section of the bill 21, which would amend Section 44-5418 to specify explicitly that certain coverages are not included in the definition of "health benefit plan" for purposes of the Utilization Review Act. This is the only section of the bill to which there was opposition on the record in public hearing. So, in summary, the committee amendment strikes both Sections 9 and 21 from the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. You heard the opening on the committee amendments offered by the Banking Committee to LB 119. Open for discussion on the committee amendment. Senator Janssen, followed by Senators Chambers and Beutler. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Mines, just a couple of questions, if you would...if you would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, would you respond?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Mines, anywhere in the committee amendment or in the bill itself, has there been any changes in reinsurance? I noticed...

SENATOR MINES: No, there hasn't.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...I heard you mention it a couple of times about reinsurance.

SENATOR MINES: No, Senator, no, I don't believe there was any definition or change in reinsurance.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Thank you. I'm quite concerned about