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pharmaceuticals and the other one was a prescription for a physical therapist. I went to the pharmacy to get the anti-inflammatory medicine and the druggist said it will be a moment, and he needed to call the doctor because he couldn't read the prescription. I went to the physical therapist's and the physical therapist said, before I begin therapy, I have to call the doctor to find out exactly what this says. Now, I know doctors are in a hurry and we've heard some of those stories, but here we had two situations where the provider could not perform because of the way of the handwriting. As introduced, LB 382 provides an electronic imaging for prescriptions, facsimile prescriptions, and deletes current references as an authorized, transmitted copy of prescription. The bill defines an electronic image prescription. The bill says that medical orders transmitted by electronic image prescriptions must be transmitted by an authorized prescriber or his or her designated agent as a pharmacist or pharmacist intern in a licensed pharmacy of the patient's choice. Other requirements are also provided for such orders, and I'll discuss these further when I'm recognized for the committee amendments to follow this. Also, there's an amendment to the committee amendment that will follow. The bill updates the list of Schedule I controlled substances in Section 28-405 to conform to federal law. The bill provides that solid controlled substances may be destroyed if witnessed by two members of the healing arts and recorded in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 28-411. The bill exempts pharmacist interns from mandatory reporting requirements under Section 71-168. Pharmacist interns are credentialed under the Uniform License Law and are, therefore, subject to such requirements but, as students, are not simply situated to other professions and occupations credentialed under the ULL. The bill revises the definition of "compounding" under Section 71-1,142 to reflect the most current definition found in the Model State Pharmacy Act and model rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. As currently defined, "compounding" means preparing, mixing, assembling a drug or a device. LB 382 defines "compounding" as a preparation of components into a drug product. There are committee amendments. I will just stop there and introduce the committee amendments when recognized again, Mr. President.