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bill? I don't know. Perhaps either the committee or we could work out another way so we can still have a priority process. But I think this will get us off dead center, allow us the time to really examine this whole issue before we change our statutes completely. This is not indicative or not totally removed from what we did in LB 724 prior to introduction of LB 1083. It's not all that much different to, to tell you the truth, our Medicaid study that we are doing right now. So I would offer that to the committee. I'd be glad to answer any questions...or, not to the committee, but to this body and be glad to answer any questions that any of you might have as to whether we could go at this time and look at a task force that would come back with some defining information. With that, Mr. President, I'll return the rest of my time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM1286, offered by Senator Jensen to LB 70. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate Senator Jensen's filing this amendment. I've digested it a bit and I would like to comment on that, subsequently. And while I don't think we were on dead center (laugh), I was kind of appreciative of the way things were moving along and appreciate the positive feedback that I've been receiving. Any time something is put before me that is to be a compromise, I believe, at least it's my style, that I'll take a look at that and give you my candid response, and my candid response is that it's a bit of a loaded deck, Senator Jensen, at least given the debate on the issue because we've heard about various groups and so forth, which I would contend otherwise. But with the...with the membership of this task force being insurance companies, DMV, physicians or individuals licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, a representative of Department of Economic Development, a representative of the University of Nebraska with expertise in statistics--I'd be curious to know what those qualifications are--but nonetheless, and a representative of the Department of Roads and the Nebraska State Patrol, I don't see anyone on the list such as the volunteers who are advocates of a little different policy than