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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Jensen. You heard the opening on committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the...Senator Smith has AM0842 as an amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 917.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on your motion to the committee amendments.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of LB 256 and the amendments that are necessary to make sure that it passes. I would argue that I am the greatest supporter of advanced practice nursing in this body and that's why I do not seek to delay, unnecessarily so, LB 256. And while I'm not done speaking, I would ask the Clerk to withdraw both of my amendments on the committee amendment, and also express some concern that I have on the process here. It has always been my desire, in committee and otherwise, that if there's a controversial issue before a committee and there's some commonality between both sides, that the introducer of that bill would have the opportunity to work that out. And I'm wondering if Senator Jensen would yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Jensen. I know that when we've had some discussions on this that your vote, along with Senator Johnson, Senator Howard and Senator Byars, to kill the amendments that were actually far greater in impact than the two amendments before us, and I was not allowed the opportunity to find common ground between the opposing sides and there was a majority of the committee that did not want to afford me the opportunity to work that out. Is that an accurate analysis?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, certainly it was a committee vote and, yes, the committee decided to IPP the...your measures that you brought forward.