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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen would like to have an Executive Session of the Health Committee at 9:30 in Room 2022.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer would move to amend the committee amendments with AM2214. (Legislative Journal page 613.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, to open on your amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I will finish up on my opening of the committee amendments, and I'm almost finished. It's just about done. The two things that we would...are trying to put a time line on would not happen until December 1, but one is if the Congress fails to reauthorize the Mandatory Livestock Reporting Act, then we are asking that the duties of the director be...to be prepare a budget to request sufficient funds to carry out the department's responsibility under the act as soon as practical, and then the provisions of Section 54-2607 and 54-2627, which is our act that's in place now, would become effective on October 1, 2007. That would go us through another legislative session where they could request the money. That's if Congress does not reauthorize the act. If Congress does reauthorize the act, then Department of Ag is required to prepare a budget request by a date that is 12 months after it's discontinued. So if they reauthorize the act, five years from now they discontinue it, then the department would have 12 months to request money that they would need to implement the act, and then it would begin 6 months after that. So again, that would be able to go through a legislative session that we could appropriate the correct amount of money. Again, this is to give Congress time to reauthorize that and also not to do something that would just be a waste of time. So with that, I will conclude my introduction to the committee amendments and open on the amendment. The amendment was brought to us by the Department of Agriculture and it was...talked about the