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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, which? Because I asked you two things.

SENATOR JENSEN: It was either in writing or conversation on the phone...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: With the person...

SENATOR JENSEN: ...to the clerk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Why did they not show up? Did they say the distance was too far to travel?

SENATOR JENSEN: In some cases, distance. To come in from Gering, Nebraska, and places like that, that's certainly understandable. Also, there are certain cases where they were tied up with another meeting or another event, or on their work...would not let them appear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What does this outfit do to which they are appointed?

SENATOR JENSEN: The State Board of Health?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. What does it do exactly?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, the State Board of Health is a number of individuals, each one of them representing a different discipline, and they meet, I believe, four times a year, I could be wrong on that, and they discuss matters of health. Also, if there are any problems with the discipline that they have, they can bring them before the board. They also then represent the 409 Committee, which looks into protocol practice, scope of practice.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Does the committee...does this Board of Health conduct hearings on, I guess, healthcare...let me back up. Are healthcare professionals the ones this board is concerned with?