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chiropractic association, of which you have a letter, hopefully, in your hands at the present time, and the lobbyist for the chiropractic association says, I want to reiterate...or the Chiropractic Physicians Association will no longer oppose and will, in fact, support LB 445, if the amendment AM0799 is adopted, and it was adopted. So you have before you that letter from their lobbyist. Also, you have a letter from Richard Nelson, director at that time of Regulation and Licensure, saying they didn't need a 407 process. But along with that, we took great care in informing everyone until...and we then advanced the bill and included it in LB 994--never would have done that, if we didn't have everyone's approval. However, since we have now included it in LB 994, there have been some chiropractors who have raised opposition to the bill. Not only have they raised opposition, they have informed us that we were deceptive and that we tried to include some things. Also, it said that...in there that manipulation was included, and it wasn't originally included. I could show you--I don't want to take the time to do that--I could show you sentence by sentence, word by word that it was included, and now 18 months later they come back and say it is not, and I personally find that offensive, when I carried for two years a bill to...for the chiropractors' lien, which they've been trying to get in for some time. Two years I carried that bill for them! I don't feel that at any time that I have been deceptive, and I take affront to that. Manipulation is not exclusive to any specific profession, but is performed by physical therapists, chiropractors, osteopaths, and some allopathic physicians, as well as others. And even the centers of Medicaid, Medicare Services reaffirmed that physical therapists may provide and may be reimbursed by Medicare for services of manipulation treatment of the spine. So here we go. We've had a number of...you have received a number of letters from chiropractors opposing this bill, and I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have. I do want to make mention before I close, however, that...and just reading a statement that the schools asked be included as part of the record of LB 994, and that is that the legislative intent here is that nothing in this amendment will change what the public schools are currently doing with their para educators in the area of physical therapy. Two, the term "supervision," as used for physical therapy aides, at least in