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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening the Jensen AM2754. Mr. Clerk, motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend with AM2850.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I would like to withdraw and substitute AM2890.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any objection?

CLERK: Senator, I'm sorry. Say it again.

SENATOR SMITH: AM2890 instead of AM2850.

CLERK: I see. Okay. (AM2890, Legislative Journal page 1155.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, Mr. Clerk. Any objection? Seeing none, so ordered. Senator Smith, to open.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is an issue...I guess I rise with great concern over AM2754, in terms of the scope of practice. As we look at the bill, or the amendment, excuse me, what used to be a bill, I think we need to be careful about how we balance scopes of practice and what should go through 407 and what shouldn't, and while the chiropractors did have concerns, several concerns more than just the manipulation part, it's the manipulation piece that is the primary concern. So my amendment seeks to clarify that and remove the manipulation part from the physical therapists recodification, if you will. What is currently the practice in the field of physical therapy and what is currently statutorily authorized, I'm finding to be somewhat inconsistent. I'm not accusing anyone of being deceptive; I'm not accusing anyone of acting in bad faith. I know that Senator Jensen is frustrated because they thought there was a deal. I've been getting letters of concern from not only chiropractors but from also the radiologic technicians, if that's the correct term. So that's