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factor that we need to be concerned with. Again, we're talking about safety, and we're talking about proper practices and scope of practice. These physical therapists have three years of training, they have a great deal of training in manipulation, as well as working with the body. I had the fortune last June to get a new knee, and after spending four days in the hospital I went home and a physical therapist came three times a week to provide treatment for me. She always called 15 minutes ahead of time, which meant take your meds, I'm coming over. (Laugh) And when she came over, I was smiling, and when she left, I had tears in my eyes each time. But I couldn't recommend her or that therapy any more to anyone, because it was excellent and I felt very well cared for, and that is the protocol that my physician insisted that I use, and it is a protocol that is followed. I...again, I cannot support Senator Smith's amendment and would ask that you would vote red. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion? Senator Bourne.

Thank you. SENATOR BOURNE: I wanted to...thank you, Mr. President, members. I just want to follow up. I had seen this letter that was from Senator Schmit--it's been a long day -- I had looked at this letter from Senator Schmit, indicating that he supported the bill. Otherwise, he would have been included in those discussions that we had with those people who stated they were opposed to the bill. And again, it's really frustrating. You spend hours and hours and hours, you review, you read, you work with people, you go ... and then, of course, everybody today has a lawyer, so they have to look at the language. We talk about it, they take it back to their lawyer, they fax it back to us, they make changes. We spent hours doing The legal counsel to the Health Committee spent hours doing this. And every one of you can relate to what I'm saying to you, that when there ... it's all about compromise. You try to work it out. You take those people who are opposed to you, and you sit down and you just hammer it out, and that's what we in good faith did, and then at the last minute, all of a sudden there's opposition. I just talked to my good friend and colleague, Adrian Smith. He said, I want to assure you that my chiropractors in my neighborhood or my area have the best