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SENATOR SMITH: But the director of HHS, you're saying, made

that decision?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR SMITH: Which is a judgment call, basically; is that

accurate?

SENATOR JENSEN: A judgment call by a trained attorney, yes.

SENATOR SMITH: An attorney, not a medical professional?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you. And I'm sensitive to what Senator Bourne is saying, so I think it's necessary that I tell you what has gone through my mind, because we do have some controversy here, and when any issue comes across my desk or e-mail or what have you, and there seems to be some concern about it, I try to look further. And that's why I started asking questions after I started getting some concerns expressed by constituents and others. So...and it's not As I mentioned before, it was the radiological chiropractors. technicians, as well. And so please understand that...and this just changes a very small part of ... my amendment changes a very small part of Senator Jensen's amendment. So I think you need to know that. By no means...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...should...and I don't intend to gut the whole thing, but it is a concern that has been expressed by many, and these folks have professional opinions, very highly trained folks, with very professional opinions, and I think we need to pay attention to that. I think that's very reasonable, but I don't have enough time to really go through all of my concerns on this time to speak, but certainly will have time, hopefully, down the road, maybe this evening. I don't know. But the fact is, we need to be careful when we look at expanding the scope of practice, and quite honestly, there are judgment calls all around the place, and I can't say that we should depend on one