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nutshell, is what this does. I have handed out a...an anatomical drawing of the bottom part of the leg and the ankle. Everybody knows where your ankle is. When I posed for Senator Chambers, (laughter) he added a little bit more than my drawing, so that gives you a look of what a proper leg is supposed to look like. I do have a...an amendment that the orthopedists wanted to put on for new podiatry graduates and I will talk about that in a minute, but would be glad to answer any questions. Right now, 36 states do this and allow podiatrists to perform this act of surgery on the ankle. And this does not involve the bone. It just involves muscles and tendons and cartilage around the top of the foot. Be glad to answer any questions, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Suttle would move to amend the bill, Mr. President, with AM0301. (Legislative Journal page 557.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you. AM0301 states that podiatrists who become licensed on or after September 1, 2001, must show two years of residency in a postdoctoral surgical residency program prior to performing surgery. Under the bill, podiatrists who are licensed prior to this date must show one year of residency.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Suttle amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Suttle, who is not very subtle this morning, called me into this discussion and, as happens with bills related to optometrists and others, there's kind of a creepy-crawling encroachment into other areas than where they started. So, as I read what Senator Suttle is offering us this morning, I think about what it...what the Bible said about the Valley of the Dry Bones--the toe bone connected to the foot bone, the foot bone connected to the ankle bone, the ankle bone connected to the shin bone. I'd like to ask Senator Suttle where will this all