

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 8, 2001 LB 270

voted to keep this bill before us have enough interest to come over there and read the literature, Senator Hudkins is a dreamer. I will bet you there will be more of a path beaten to my desk before this discussion is over than will be beaten to hers to read the information that she says she has available. If people are supporting this bill, they should at least know what they're supporting. I am in opposition so I'm going to state with specificity what it is that I'm opposed to. The acupuncturist thinks it's silly to take this terminology, "oriental medical college", out of the bill; I think it's silly to put it in there. That's what makes me feel that the whole thing is a sham; it's quackery. They want to try to put as many things into the statute to confuse people so they'll think you're dealing with a medically trained person. That's why they want this terminology. That's why those who wrote the bill wanted "diplomate" in, that word, rather than saying "a holder of a diploma". "Diplomate" does have a specific meaning. It is a term of art in a medical context. But the contradiction comes because this bill requires the "quacker", the "needler" to say, I'm not a medical doctor; this is not medicine that I'm practicing, wink, wink, nod, nod.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is an easy amendment, but it gave me the opportunity to talk about some general principles that will lead me to engage in the kind of debate that I will. Each one of us has his or her own method of making a point and I intend to make many points on this bill, and it might be a tip off to others who have a bill similar to this, who will look it over and see if we're going to have to do this on the floor, and they cannot be given the impression that all they'll have to do is come to me and say, well, Ernie, now I'm willing to work it over; let's let it go on over to Select File and then we'll work it out there. No, it was put before us and we will take care of the patient which is on table before us. And this LB 270 is the patient who is on the table and I am one of the surgeons, not an acupuncturist,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.