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be at least 19 years old; you have to have successfully completed an acupuncture curriculum requirements of a formal full-time acupuncture program at a board-approved university, college, or school of acupuncture, so this takes away the reference to the national commission; you also have to successfully pass an acupuncture examination approved by the board; and you have to have completed a clean needle technique; and then the Board of Medicine and Surgery will also adopt and promulgate the rules and regulations regarding the licensing, conduct and practice of acupuncture. Senator Chambers indicated to us last week, Thursday I believe, that with these amendments he would use his powers of persuasion to try to convince you that this still wasn't a good bill, but he said with these amendments it is a much better bill. We do agree with him because we have accepted those amendments and have offered some of our own. He also did say, though, that if he has further questions they may be addressed on Select File. But at least at this point on General File Senator Chambers has seen these amendments and has agreed with them, so we are not trying to do anything behind his back. He is in full agreement. So with that, Mr. President, I would ask that you approve the amendments that I have offered to you. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You've heard the opening on AM0485 to LB 270. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Hudkins, I listened to your explanation. It's my understanding that with your amendment there are some minimum standards you're going to have to be licensed to be an acupuncturist. You've got to have some...some training and you'll have to be licensed under the Board of Medicine and Surgery. Does that include the chiropractors, if they're going to do acupuncture? They also have to have that same training and be licensed to do acupuncture under the Board of Surgery and Medicine? I...I'd ask Senator Hudkins, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Hudkins?