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perhaps 200 hours, or do you want to go to a licensed acupuncture (sic) who has approximately 2,000 hours? We have discussed where the chiropractors come in on this. That will be...that discussion will be left for a later day. But, right now, remember that before you may be treated by an acupuncturist you must have a letter of referral within 90 days from a medical doctor. So it's...it's for the patient's safety, it's for the doctor's state of mind and, yes, I...I really think that this patient should come to me first but if I, if I can't figure out what's wrong, okay, they can go to an acupuncturist. Maybe that's a little simplistic, but they're is a place for acupuncturists. I know the evidence is anecdotal, but that's not all bad when you have people saying, I couldn't walk; three specialists told me that I would never walk again without crutches after a stroke, and now that person is walking, and when she came home from the treatments with acupuncture she was carrying her crutches rather than walking with crutches or being in a wheelchair. It does work. How does it work? I don't know, but the Chinese have practiced this art for thousands of years. As long as it works, it does no additional harm, then it ought to be allowed to be practiced in Nebraska as it is in many other states. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You have heard the closing on the advancement of LB 270. The question before the body is, shall LB 270 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on advancement of LB 270 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 270 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 270A was introduced by Senator Hudkins. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open on LB 270A.