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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, very little that Senator Hudkins said can I find any fault with except that it's said in behalf of trying to persuade you to vote for this bill. Senator Hudkins and everybody on this floor will realize that, despite the fact that medical doctors are allowed to do this, acupuncture obviously is not the practice of medicine. If it were the practice of medicine, "nondoctors" could not perform it. So it is not medicine. The chiroprac...I mean the needler has to put up an announcement and notify the person that this is not the practice of medicine. So the fact that doctors do it is not to my way of thinking necessarily an endorsement of it. I'm working on a rhyme which I haven't completed yet where two doctors were working in concert and they operated on the wrong side of a person's brain, and all they would have had to do was make a mark. They could have snipped off some of the hair or put a piece of Scotch tape or taken some kind of pencil, like a Magic Marker, and made a mark on the side of the person's head. The fact that doctors do something is not necessarily a guarantee it's going to be done competently or correctly. What is being done now in many operating rooms is to write on, if you're left arm is to be amputated, they write on the left arm "not this arm; the other one". But that doesn't always work because one time...and this...this I heard about. Senator Bourne would never admit this. Senator Bourne and a friend of his were walking along the Missouri River on the Omaha side and Senator Bourne's friend looked at him. He said, Patrick, I'll bet you're on the other side of the Missouri River. Patrick said, have you had anything to drink? The person said, no, other than some orange juice. So Patrick said, if you are in control of your senses, I'm going to take your bet and I'm going to make you pay. Now what are the stakes? The guy said, well, Patrick, I like that hat you got on your head. I will bet all the money I've got in my pocket, and he pulled out \$50, against the hat you got on your head that you're on the side...the other side of the Missouri River. So Patrick said, fine; now how are you going to prove I'm on the other side of the Missouri River? So the guy told Patrick, are we on this side of the Missouri River? Patrick said, yes. He said...no, he said, is that one side of the Missouri River? Patrick said,