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licensing, and it does give it some status, but what else do we have? We have massage therapists. Were these same arguments made when we debated massage therapists, when we licensed massage therapists? I'm trying...I'm have my staff doing some research. It's before my time when this was put into the law. I doubt if it was before Senator Chambers' time because he's been here forever, but I'm wondering about those debates as well. In fact, Senator Chambers, I'm wondering if you supported putting massage therapy into the law at that time. And Senator Chambers doesn't remember. Well, we'll probably do some research, depending on how long this debate goes, and see how Senator Chambers voted on that one. But I rise to oppose the Chambers motion. I think that we need to just move along. We had a debate on here. The disclosures are in the law. So I support LB 270 and Senator Hudkins, and do not support Senator Chambers' motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on the motion to return...well, to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, no argument that has been given constitutes the justification for voting in favor of putting this into law. I would probably have less concern about this acupressure kind of activity where you touch people but you don't stick 'em. Although there are these patent medicine types of things and they are everywhere, everywhere, that does not mean we ought to continue to multiply the numbers of them which are given sanction by the state. If I were to ask for a roll call vote and Donald Duck happened to be in the audience or in...on the floor, his response would be proper because Donald Duck would say, when they called his name, quack, quack. And that is exactly what acupuncture is in the United States. It is quackery. Any time somebody suggests that the mere sticking of a needle a short way into somebody's body and manipulating it is going to treat infertility, I say you're dealing with quackery of the worst kind. When you tell people