

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, the insurance company pays all the bills, basically the exclusive person handling Mr. A's payments from Doctor Y. In the case of the pharmacists, he could be going to fifty pharmacists. You see what I am saying? You would have to have all the information filed in one place. You don't. Just don't want to get into that area.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you for your explanation, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Hope it helped.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, a question of Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, will you yield?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR COPE: Going back and checking last year's files I note that the podiatrists opposed 421. Now is it the amendments or the bill or what? Looking through, I can't seem to figure out.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, you've got me because I don't recall that the podiatrists appeared at the committee hearing.

SENATOR COPE: Well I have letters in opposition. That is all I know.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. If you'll look it says, "Opponents - none." Now I also received a letter or two from a podiatrist. Let me tell you, and it is pure speculation on my part so we understand in advance, why they might. Let us assume that there were case files that showed a number of podiatrists or even just a very limited number were pretty seriously abusing existing law and there was no corrective mechanism. Example: Dr. Jones, Podiatrist, and Dr. Jones with his license for podiatry is allowed, authorized by state law and the licensing law to do specific things and I think it deals with the feet. Now if Dr. Jones, Podiatrist, is ordering all kinds of tests let's say, cardiogram tests and a variety of things, all kinds of blood tests and things that build up a bill from let's say a fifty dollar bill to a two hundred and fifty or a four hundred dollar bill on a regular basis, then I can see why Dr. Jones let's say, would have serious reservations about any system that would first of all, cut out his revenue or second of all, get this matter corrected. There is no correction mechanism for all practical purposes now. So I can see why there would be some concern there and there are abuses. I can show you the books if you want and document them.