

puncture then that is okay in Nebraska. Now maybe it is a good deal and maybe it isn't but this bill is very broad, it is very vague and it is not the kind of bill that we should pass this session. The Health and Welfare Committee wants to study this issue. We want to look at their education. We want to look at how this is going to affect insurance rates and as you know we have an insurance bill in the State of Nebraska which forces insurance companies to pay for chiropractic services. So if we expand the scope of their services, all of us are going to be forced to pay for expanded chiropractic services including if it happens someday, acupuncture, whether or not it is taught well, whether or not it does any good and many of the other things. So there are health care cost issues raised by this bill. There are issues of discipline, how are we going to discipline chiropractors, their questions of their qualifications? The Health and Welfare Committee is not ready at this point in time to greatly expand the scope of practice for chiropractic. If we're going to do it and I think that we probably need to expand the scope of practice beyond what it is today, we ought to do it in a well defined, orderly manner, not just let them do whatever they want to do and that is what LB 924 does and we're holding other bills that relate to licensure for study. There is no reason, no reason that we should not have the interim for the Health and Welfare Committee to carefully look at this issue and send to you next year a good bill, setting out what chiropractors should and should not be able to do for the protection of the public in this state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, your light is on.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chronister, I have been receiving some letters from family practitioners from my district concerning this chiropractors bill and their concern is, seems to be that we are opening up a whole new ball game and so the question I am posing to you this morning is, will this permit chiropractors to do things that they are not doing now?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: To the contrary, Senator Hefner, what 924 does is simply put into statutory language those modern procedures which the Nebraska Department of Health has as a practical matter authorized chiropractors to do but this was legally unclear due to this old fashioned 1915 law. Now chiropractors have six years of college and there are