

competition and what is wrong with that. It is our purpose to guarantee that only one...rather, is it our purpose to guarantee that only one type of doctor can help make someone with a back injury or is it our purpose to provide the public with a free choice of doctors and let them decide, not us, as to what type of doctor they want to have help them? In this day and age of skyrocketing bills for surgery and hospitals, shouldn't we help our citizens who want to go to the Doctors of Chiropractic who only treat people in the office, never in the hospital? Now I want to say a few friendly words about the opponents of this bill. We have tried to meet the legitimate concern of the Nebraska medical community about the anything taught in chiropractic college language. That amendment is all struck from the bill by my amendment which is printed on page 1224 of the Journal and is part of my motion today. We have hidden nothing. For over a month this amendment and copies of LB 924 have been distributed to your offices for discussion. If they still have objections, then I can only cite states such as South Dakota, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado and California and on and on where, what the Nebraska chiropractors are asking for is just taken for granted in those states. You have all seen the comparison of hours of education in chiropractic colleges and medical colleges on one of the handouts you have just received. There is no question about the competency of Doctors of Chiropractic to do these things. Of course certain occupations wish to keep certain monopolies on certain health techniques since that way the public is forced to go their way. Again, only simple competition is the reason for the battle. Okay. Finally, the chiropractors are fair to us. They do not ask the State of Nebraska to build them chiropractic colleges or to subsidize their children to attend a chiropractic college. The chiropractors have paid their own way to chiropractic education while as good citizens they and their thousands of patients pay taxes to help our fine medical college in Nebraska. Now this is a time to be fair because the problem was created by LB 421 and the only fair solution is simply to pass LB 924. The merits of the bill deserve its passage as it is obvious that the 1915 chiropractic law should be written according to what chiropractors are doing today. These people did not come to the Legislature asking for money, they only come asking for fair treatment of their profession and understanding of their situation. Senators, we all know in our hearts how we feel about this bill. Why should we delay a whole year a decision that would save everyone, including us, an exact repeat of this year's campaign? We have all had disappointments with bills this year. LB 924 is not really my bill since it was introduced by a diverse committee of many senators. It is really our bill since each of us, 49 people from 49 different districts, were elected to solve problems just like this one today.