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SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Nelson, you touched just briefly about the education of podiatrists. Do they have as much education as a physician, and do they go through an internship program and all of that?

SENATOR NELSON: I honestly cannot tell you. I can tell you on the chiropractors more than what you probably think. Could I refer you to Senator Schellpeper? I know his staff and Senator Schellpeper have worked on this more than I have. I know that in my own case, though, that they do have to have additional over and above the family physician, I know that. But Senator Schellpeper, could I refer you to him?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper, could you respond to that question?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Senator Hefner. I guess from what they were telling us it's about the same training, except they don't have the internal medicine part of it. But it's about the same training as far as bones and things like that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, could you tell me how many years of college they have and how many years of internship, or....

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think they have an internship, if I remember right. I don't think they have an internship.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: And I don't know how many years...

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, maybe we can find that answer out a little bit later.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I sure could.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, one more...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll get it for you.

SENATOR HEFNER: One more question. Now, why weren't they allowed to practice in hospitals before? Was that..weren't they allowed in the big hospitals or the little hospitals or no hospitals?