

all please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Langford, followed by Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I think, Mr. President, I think that Senator Wesely has given a very good overview of the committee amendments which are now the bill. I want you to understand the committee amendments are now the bill, which means that everything else has been cut out. I've been trying to decide whether to talk about it on the committee amendments or to wait. But I think I'll go ahead now and that way it will cut down some of the time. Actually, chiropractic care was licensed in Nebraska in 1915, and they practiced until 1983 with being able to x-ray. And I guess maybe sometimes we wonder about the eternal wisdom of the Legislature. But some way or another they were "delegalized" in 1983, and now they would like, again, to be able to x-ray. It doesn't make any sense to me that we will license chiropractic in this state, allow them to manipulate when they can't even x-ray to see if there is a broken bone. Now our biggest problem here is how to protect our citizens, our constituents. And I think one of the best protections we can have for those who do use chiropractic services is to allow them to x-ray, that way they won't be doing something that would be harmful. Actually, it's very imperative that we restore this part of their scope of practice. It's interesting, the only objections now, and they do not really make very good sense, are from people who are protecting their turf. I think it's a matter of being fair, we speak of that often in this Chamber. I can't tell you the number of times I've heard someone say we want to be fair. I believe that this bill and this amendment are just a way that we can try to be fair. All of the really pertinent facts Senator Wesely has brought out, the fact that Greg Wright has approved x-ray for chiropractic, the 407 has approved, so now it is up to us to do what I believe is probably the best thing for our constituents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, you're next. But may I introduce a guest, please. Under the south balcony, we have Mr. Rod (sic) Elznic of Geneva, Nebraska. Rod, would you please stand and be recognized. Rod's wife does all of the work in the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Rod, you're welcome to be here. Senator Dierks, please, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand here to support this legislation. I also support the committee amendments. The entire process is one that I think is very