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existing statutes relating to how evidence of domestic violence affects child custody. Earlier, we had a bill, I think it was LB 116, that included some provisions of domestic violence. As I mentioned to you, when that came up the committee decided to scale back some of the green copy provisions and put forward what they thought would pass on the floor of the Legislature. This did meet with some opposition from the various advocacy groups, and we are going to...as I understand it, there's going to be an effort to divide the committee amendments. I'll further discuss LB 322 upon that division, but I will be asking the body to vote those amendments down. Lastly, also included in the committee amendment is LB 62, as introduced by Senator Beutler. LB 62 provides that chiropractors may assert a medical lien against a patient who has recovered damages from a third party as other medical professionals are currently permitted to do. In closing, I'd like to thank Senator Friend for permitting his priority bill to be used as a vehicle for other legislation which the committee felt was important enough to advance to the body for its consideration.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. There has been a request by Senator Connealy, division of the question. Senator Connealy, would you and Senator Bourne please come forward? The Chair does rule that the committee amendments are divisible. Mr. Clerk, please inform the body how this will be done.

CLERK: Mr. President, because of proper prior planning by Judiciary Committee--thank you, Senator Bourne, for your help, and your staff--the first...there will be three divisions, as per your order, Mr. President. The first will be FA312, which will consist of Sections 9, 11, and 14 through 17. The second division will be FA311, which will consist of Sections 1 through 8, 10, and 13. And the third and final component, Mr. President, will be FA314, which will consist of Section 12 of the original amendment. So, Mr. President, the matter before the Legislature now is FA312, which is Sections 9, 11, and 14 through 17. (Legislative Journal pages 1837-1838.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, for that. Senator Bourne, I know you have opened on the whole committee...but if