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there have been bills on this, and I guess I feel kind of passionate about it and, Senator Beutler, it doesn't have anything to do with the trial attorneys, although they approached me on it. When I heard about this problem and I met with some of these victims that this happened to, I was appalled. This is an unintended consequence of a law that was passed just a few years ago--medical liens are relatively new--and I don't think we should be expanding on...and this has nothing to do with the chiropractors, it doesn't have to do with lack of respect for their occupation. I don't think we should be expanding this ability for any medical provider to come in and do what has been happening in practice around the state. Now, there are good people who haven't done this, who do work with your insurance company and don't try to take from your settlement. But because this law is on the books, it does happen and it has happened to Nebraskans around the state. So I don't think we should be expanding what I called, and I...just to one of my fellow senators, sort of a stinky law, something that happened that shouldn't happen. Because what happens to these people absolutely stinks and it's terrible when it happens to them. They should be able to have their insurance pay for their hospital expenses. It shouldn't be 100 percent of that sticker price that nobody pays. Nobody is paying the sticker price. That's just a fantasy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: It's just a number that pulls out of the air. Nobody pays sticker price anymore for health coverage. So I just think philosophically I'm not in any way wanting to expand on something that isn't good policy in the first place, and so that's why I oppose this division of the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. On with discussion of the third component, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Janssen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also am opposed to this division. When the bill was advanced...LB 62 was the bill. When it was advanced by the committee, I voted against it. Before the committee will put a