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bill in one of these packages, there has to be formal action taken by the committee, so anybody who is interested can read that committee report and see how the different members voted. I voted against LB 62. I was going to fight it tooth and nail if it ever came up on the agenda. When the package was being put together, it's nobody's fault other than mine. I was not present at the Exec Session where the bundling was done, but that does not put me in a position where I will not fight this. I hate to see Senator Friend's bill run into trouble, but I've never been opposed to this kind of a thing being done. Senator Beutler mentions that people have done certain kinds of work and they should be able to get their money through this medical lien. When he mentions a horseshoer, a silversmith, and these others, and subcontractors, that's entirely different. We're talking about medical personnel--currently, physicians, nurses, or hospitals. Chiropractor does not fit in that group at all. It's a situation where the chiropractors have been trying down through the years since I've been here to get raised to the status of a medical practitioner so that they are treated like doctors. Some refer to themselves as doctors, and they can do what they please. But I would not agree to put an optometrist in this situation, a podiatrist, an acupuncturist, or any of those others who happen to work on the body. I would not put a tattooist in this set of...in this situation, and I'm not going to agree to put the chiropractors here. So what they will do is put a foot on the brake and stop this bill. I am not, under any circumstances, going to agree to let chiropractors get in on this bad law that exists right now, and I won't have to repeat it because Senator Thompson gave such a clear statement of why the current law is bad, because of the fact that certain medical practitioners are misusing it, if you go by what the intent was. But since they're allowed to do that under the law, they were just tricky. They were able to circumvent the law. And this is going to seem slightly off the subject, but I have a reason for doing it. The textbook loan program is there because the state cannot give direct aid to these parochial and private schools, so what they found was a way to circumvent the law. Yet, if the students that they teach circumvented the teachings of the church, circumvented the teachings of the schools about being honest, they would want to drop the hammer on those students, but all the students would be doing is following the example of