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would invite Senator Bourne and others on the Judiciary Committee to comment on LB 194, which is the bill being discussed. But the trial lawyers are here in the lobby. They get the first lien on all this and there's no reduction in their lien. And these chiropractors are every bit as deserving as many people who are benefiting from the lien right now, and they're every bit as deserving as other professional groups who are benefiting from liens. So you have to make a judgment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Let me see if I can rephrase it in a way. What you're saying is that the chiropractors are equally deserving in terms of having done work and deserving to be paid for it. The question is, if this is a law that has bad consequences, should we add yet another group to it which would make it probably politically harder to get fixed?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think that's a fair statement of the question. But also another part of the statement of the question is, are you going to argue the lien itself on the merits? That is, LB 194 is not in front of you now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let's have that argument and let the poor chiropractors participate the way they should be allowed to participate with whatever it is that this Legislature has determined to be a valid form of the statute. And right now the valid form of the statute is what is in the statute, and the Judiciary Committee has refused to advance anything other than that to the floor of the Legislature.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thank you, Senator Beutler. And thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler, you may continue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bourne, if I may, and I'm asking questions I don't know the answer to,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...