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LB 13, 13A, 62, 98, 116, 465, 484, 538, 538A  
548, 645, 761, 761A  
LR 241

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 13, LB 13A, LB 465, LB 484, LB 538, LB 538A, LB 761, LB 761A as correctly engrossed. And amendments to be printed: Senator Foley to...I'm sorry, Senator Friend to LB 98; Senator Beutler to LB 548; Senator Beutler to LB 548; and Senator Brashear to LB 645. And a new resolution, LR 241, a study resolution introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee. (Legislative Journal pages 1839-1846.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendment. Senator, FA317. It's the one, Senator, that inserts the word "podiatrist." (Legislative Journal page 1846.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm prepared to stay here till midnight with Senator Friend. And what needs to be kept in mind, what we're talking about is not LB 62 on its own. It did not get on the agenda on its own, Senator Friend. It hitched a ride on LB 116. And I would have opposed LB 62 had it stood alone. Senator Friend, on occasion, will say, guess what, and not tell us what we should guess or the what. But I'm going to use what he sometimes introduces a statement with--guess what. Senator Friend and anybody else who knows me is aware that I don't take marching orders from anybody. I have been against what the chiropractors have been trying to do for years, but this that is being attempted here goes beyond the chiropractors. It goes to the principle that if you have a bad bill, a bad statute, that is no argument that you ought to make it worse. That's one of the least persuasive arguments I've ever heard Senator Beutler make. Senator Beutler is usually the one who says that we're interested in good legislation. If there happens to be a bad law on the books, we should not extend the reach of a bad law. But he has brought us a piece of legislation which has managed to hitch a ride on another bill. If Senator Friend is willing to let his fingers be cut off for somebody else, let him do it. After all, greater love hath no person than this, that he or she would lay down his or her life for his or her friends. The second is like unto that. Greater foolishness has no person than this, that he'll let his fingers