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the more energy I seem to develop. When that little Energizer bunny runs out of energy, I walk right past him, haven't even slowed down. But let me tell you what my amendment that's pending would do. Since we're talking about everybody who does work being allowed to get a lien, what my little amendment would say is that in line...in lines 6, 9, 13, 18, 20, every place where "chiropractor" exists, we will insert a different practitioner. If I've called up the right one, the first one would be a podiatrist. Then I have another amendment and it would insert an optometrist. And after the optometrist, I will get to the acupuncturist. And I'm going to think of...oh, and then the tattooist. And I'm going to put...give the body a chance to put all these in, and you can vote. If you think that this is a wise practice of extending the reach of a bad law currently on the books even further, you'll have that opportunity, and I'll see just how far out you're willing to push this thing. And if you adopt every one of my amendments, I'm still going to be opposed to FA314, which is the one that we're on. That's the division, the chiropractor amendment. And I don't care who is lobbying for this portion. Senator Beutler wants to invoke the trial attorneys. Well, who is the lobbyist for this? Senator Beutler didn't hatch this out of his head. There's a lobbyist pushing for this. So if that's what you ought to base it on, don't go for the bill because a lobbyist is asking you all to do it. The trial attorneys can talk to me. The defense attorneys can talk to me. The ethanol purveyors can talk to me. Anybody can talk to me, but they're not going to dictate to me on what my position ought to be or how I ought to proceed. So I'm willing to stay here, and stay here, and stay here. And LB 116, if you add this amendment, if somehow there should be a hitch in my giddyup and you manage to get a vote and you add this to the bill, then I'm going to start making motions on the bill itself. I will move to recommit it to committee, I will move to bracket it, and I will move to reconsider every one of those votes. And if you add this provision to the bill, then, as I could have done earlier, I can offer the same amendments again, because then I will not be amending an amendment; I would be amending the bill. And I won't run out of ideas. Why, when you give me...I've been known to take a bill before us that had six or seven words and stretch that out to two or three dozen amendments. So when you're going to give me