

we avoid the problem of duplicate x-rays on people and until such time as it is demonstrated to me, at least, that these x-rays other than of the spine are somehow essential or very important and since we have made a great advance with 142 anyway, it seems to me that a note of caution here in the form of a vote for the DeCamp amendment would be appropriate. With that I would end, Mr. President, but with one more remark and that is to say to Senator Chronister and Senator Sieck, I do appreciate the fact that you have gotten this matter cleaned up to a large, large extent, and I did vote for their compromise language and I think we are way ahead whether we adopt this amendment or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to read into the record a letter which has come from Dr. Stover. "Dear Senators: Recently you may have received correspondence on the subject of diagnostic x-rays. Without being critical, you are entitled to know these facts. The State of Nebraska has in place a good program to protect the public against hazards of overexposure to radiation from any source originating with the Radiation Control Act, Section 71-3501 to 3519 passed by the Legislature in 1963, and too, a part of the program is a continuing supervision over radiation by the Nebraska Department of Health including the State Radiation Council, advisory council appointed by the Governor of which I am one member. All diagnostic x-ray equipment situated within the State of Nebraska is periodically inspected by the Nebraska Department of Health whether located in the office of a medical doctor, a hospital or in the office of a doctor of chiropractic. These official inspections reveal that medical doctors and chiropractors are equally careful about maintaining shielding for patients and keeping the equipment in safe working order. It is also true that the Nebraska medical doctors and the Nebraska doctors of chiropractic are equally concerned about the hazards of overexposure of patients to diagnostic x-rays and within their various programs constantly remind doctors to always inquire of new patients as to the last time an x-ray was taken to prevent such overexposure. In short, all Nebraska health professions are aware of the problem and under the continuing supervision of the Health Department strive to protect the public from excessive radiation". I do not support Senator DeCamp's amendment. I do support the bill in its current form.

PRESIDENT: Without objection, I think we will be at Ease now in preparation for the Governor to come over at ten