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Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, either I am the only opponent of this motion or the all the rest of the opposition has been whipped into submission. But I think it was a bad bill yesterday or whenever we dealt with it. I think it is a bad bill today. I am just as opposed to it now as I was then. There has been a hint that maybe deals or agreements have been worked out other than on the floor of the Legislature and that we are dealing with things other than the merits of the bill which very well may be true. But when the votes go on the board, all we will see is either there are enough to reconsider or there won't be. I hope enough will take the position that I take so that the reconsideration motion will not be successful. As all of you know, or some of you know, I am a barber. There was a time when barbers and surgeons were combined. The barber pole is red and white which symbolized blood and bandages. Barbers recognize, Senator Vard Johnson, that barbering is an honorable profession, but as a result of being tangled up with medicine, it was getting a bad reputation. So the barbers went off in their own direction, doctors went off in theirs. Based on the amount of income, I probably chose the wrong fork in the road to follow but, nevertheless, I still feel that barbering is honorable though not lucrative. Now was the problem because barbers were pretending to be surgeons or surgeons were pretending to be barbers? People would be less concerned today about a barber cut...a surgeon cutting hair than they would be about a barber performing brain surgery. However, in barber school I studied anatomy of the scalp, the head. I studied facial muscles, neck muscles, but I wasn't going to cut anybody, not for the purpose of an operation. Sometimes the razor may slip and there will be a nick but that is not a surgical incision. We were not to treat ailments. We did not pretend to be able to treat ailments. We recognized them only for the purpose of realizing that certain persons should not receive haircuts in the barbershop until an ailment that might be contagious could be cleared up. Senator Landis has already stated that

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