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It just says doctor. And of course, I would presume it doesn't mean a doctor of physical education or a doctor of agriculture, or something like that. I would presume it is an M.D. But the bill doesn't designate, Senator Moylan, And I'm...are you hearing me...as to the definition. Now it's immaterial to me, except that I think you have something in your bill here, that doesn't qualify the type of doctor, now I don't care whether it's a Dr. of Psychiatry or whatever it amounts to as long as there is some type of definition, so that it can't be a person with an academic Doctors degree. Also, I'm wondering what you are doing to the person who works for the large company, and I'm not too used to them except in this stand point, that a lot of company doctors. If a person has a sore throat, or an earache, or something like that, they are able to go to that company doctor without charge. And be taken care of. Now, are you going to have worker in a position where he will have to pay. If the company dismisses the company doctor, and then he will from then on have to pay for the small ailments that he's been getting taken care of without any charge. I know of instances where a worker has high blood pressure and they are able to come down and see the company doctor and get their blood pressure taken and get a prescription, and under this particular situation, that you have here I guess that we just won't have those people any more.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, Mr. Chairman in answer to that, this does not prohibit them from going to the company doctor at all.

SENATOR KEYES: What I'm trying to say is, with this bill there is no reason for them to have a company doctor, any more, that is the employer, he might just as well let him go.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Not necessarily, maybe a lot of them want to go to a company doctor.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR KENNEDY: And they...now I didn't move for the adoption of the amendment. Now we can move for the adoption of the amendment. Which I failed to do awhile ago.

PRESIDENT: Yes, he's moved for the adoption of the amendment. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. At the committee time of the hearing the charge basically in my opinion is that the doctors over in Fremont, Nebraska are evidently incompetent. They yield and are intimidated by the companies to put the worker back to work before he's ready to go back to work. It would appear to me that it would be incumbent upon the AFL, CIO, and incumbent upon the employers in Fremont, to charge these doctors with malpractice and get them out of the profession.

SENATOR KENNEDY: And they would listen to what a personnel manager would say when they are treating one of their patients. This should certainly be brought to the attention of the Dodge County Medical Society, and not to the floor of this Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Senators our time has expired. Now Senator Moylan is this your amendment to the bill or to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Committee amendments Mr. President. The committee killed the bill.