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hearing this fall. As the motion shows, the sunset committee has concurred with this motion to go ahead and place their bill on General File. What about amendments? Any bill can always be amended on General File. No bill is totally perfect but that is not the question today. It is not the issue today. The issue is whether we are going to give ourselves the opportunity to solve a pressing problem this session or duck the issue through procedural delay. Finally, the question comes down to why not? We are here to represent the people and to solve problems for them. LB 924 is the result of a problem which needs solving. It will help the people in understanding health care and health services. Let us solve the problem here today without delay. I urge placing LB 924 on General File. Thank you for your attention.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, you are speaking to the opposite view of Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CULLAN: That is right. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think it is fine if we do keep debate very brief here this morning and I will try to lay out the rationale for opposing Senator Chronister's motion. Of course first of all, it is difficult to rise against Senator Chronister as it is his priority bill and we all like to have an opportunity on our priority bills but the Health and Welfare Committee, in light of the fact that we worked very well with Senator Chronister on many, many issues, felt compelled to keep LB 924 in committee as well as some other issues but the issues were not necessarily related. LB 924 was kept in committee for several reasons. I ask you to take a careful look at LB 924 and I would suggest to you that LB 924 is not a mere clarification of the statutes as they relate to the practice of chiropractic in the State of Nebraska. In fact, they are a dramatic expansion of the legally, irrespective of what is happening in the community. They are, in fact, a dramatic expansion of a health care provider and their scope of practice in the State of Nebraska and I think before we allow this dramatic expansion legally, in a scope of practice of this profession, that we ought to take a much more careful look at the profession, at their educational system and at many of the things which go along to expanding the scope of practice. I have distributed to you earlier and I would ask you to look at the letter which I just sent to you, a letter from Mosier Chiropractic Clinic here in Lincoln. This is a letter to the parents of a new born child and I will read it to you quickly. "Congratulations on your new baby boy! Children are the joy of life and we know how happy you must be with your new addition. Please accept this pamphlet on children and chiropractic. Many times