

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator. Then next year, when the paralegals come in and say we would like to be licensed, and we would like to be regulated, they won't have to jump through all the hoops of the 407 bill, will they? Or anybody else that is trying to raise themselves up, learn a little bit more, get a little bit more education, hopefully climb that ladder of success to the extent that they can. Unless, of course, the legal profession comes in and introduces a bill like 407 and says the same thing again. First you've got to go to the Supreme Court, and they are going to appoint a committee. Then that committee is going to make their recommendations, or maybe the Nebraska Bar Association. That is just one example. That is one reason why I cannot vote for this bill because I see it as a Pandora's Box for just about every profession that has now made it, pulling up the ladder of success so that nobody else is going to get there. I appreciate all the work that the Public Health and Welfare Committee has done on this. I know what they go through on that committee. I spent three years there. I know how the various professions are fighting with each other. They called it a turf war. But I look at who the biggest proponents were of this bill and I say there is something more to it than has even been touched upon here today. Thank you, Senators, for your courtesy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, now that I've had a chance to read the amendment, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a couple of questions. Senator Wesely, the lines are not numbered, but I think you will know what it is that I'm referring to. "The director shall ensure the total composition of the committee is fair, impartial and equitable." Do you see where I am now.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so my interest is after that. "If any member of a technical committee is a member of a health profession affected, either directly or indirectly, by the application, the director shall also appoint representatives of other health professions affected by the application to such committee," then, "to ensure that all sides or the parties are represented."