

is dissatisfied with the results of that committee, they may then take an administrative appeal to the certificate of needs appeals committee. So we have established in effect two appellant bodies dealing with certificate of need. Now I submit that that simply prolongs administrative government. It makes administrative government far more complicated than it needs to be and as Senator Schmit has so ably pointed out by increasing the time period involved in going through the appeals process, by dragging it out, it ultimately adds to the construction cost of facilities as interest rates go up and as prices for the goods go up. So all Senator Wesely is saying, let's eliminate one tier, one tier of the administrative review process. Let's eliminate the certificate of need appeals committee. Now I think that is good government. It is good government because it is simple government. It is good government because it makes the administrative process a lot faster and a lot more easy to understand. It doesn't make any difference to me which camp you consider yourself in, whether you are in Senator Cullan's camp or in Senator Wesely's camp, this is a good government camp. I think this amendment ought to prevail very simply because it is a blow for better government.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, it seems in this debate of this amendment quite a lot has been said about the review committee and the fact that, I get the impression that it is dominated by providers. Now am I correct that on, it's page 26 of your amendments states that there shall be 7 members, 4 of these members shall not be providers of health care. Is that correct?

SENATOR CLARK: One moment, Senator Cullan. Okay.

SENATOR CULLAN: That is correct, Senator Cope, but that addresses the review committee. What Senator Wesely is talking about is the appeal committee, and Senator Wesely's description of his amendment which is number 15 is significantly in error, and you raised a valid point and I am glad you did because his description says that the appeals panel is dominated by providers. In fact, the appeals panel is always comprised on each case of 3 individuals, 2 who must be consumers and 1 who is a provider. So Senator Wesely's contention that the appeals panel is dominated by providers is definitely incorrect.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you.