

have no qualms that it's not going to be, would not do a good job with the committee, but I can tell you this, if it doesn't...if you have a lot of bills scheduled for the Judiciary Committee and they don't get heard, you just as well deep-six them, and it isn't just a matter of where they go, but is when they can be heard. And I do not know how many bills Senator Wesely has in the Public Health Committee, but I have a hunch he has fewer than they have in Judiciary and makes very little sense to me to overwork a committee which is already overworked with a very good bunch of senators, when you have an equally qualified group probably over in Public Health. They heard the bill before, and I would have to support leaving it in Public Health.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this is a tough issue. I'm on the Reference Committee and we met for nearly every day, and some days we didn't have too much time to decide where they should go. I realize that Dr. Rodgers recommends each of these bills, and I believe that his first reference was to the Health and Human Services Committee. But anyway, it seems like the Reference Committee usually runs out of time, and so we hurriedly try to dispose of some of these bills. I don't know if that was the exact case on this one or not, but I guess my argument this morning is that the Judiciary Committee has a lot of bills. In fact, if you take out your white sheet, it has nearly five lines of bills. It has got more bills than I can count. I tried counting them, but I didn't get the job done before I was called on to speak. Whereas, when you look at the Health and Human Services, the amount of bills that they will be hearing is quite a few less. And there is good arguments on both sides whether this bill should go to Health and Human Services or to the Judiciary Committee. I don't think we can put every bill that has a penalty section, I don't think we can reference them to the Judiciary Committee, because nearly half of the bills that we have have penalty sections in them. So at this point I would like to suggest that we honor this motion, and send this to the Health and Human Services Committee, because I believe that the health issue is, in this instance, is a lot more important than the penalty section. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Our next speaker is Senator Schimek, but before she begins I'd like to introduce five graduate students and two