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they do look into those issues and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they issue any rulings that are binding on anybody or any other board?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, certainly part of the 409 Committee, that's where they look at scope of practice and that's a very active entity.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, does that entity do the work, or does the Board of Health do the work of that 409 outfit?

SENATOR JENSEN: Members will...of that board will be part of the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...409 process.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. If this board ceased to exist, what harm would befall the public interest?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, I think they do a very important service, number one, to represent healthcare in the entire state of Nebraska. They do look at the bills that come before this Legislature. They do make recommendation on some of those issues, also, that come before this Legislature and send out that information to the various members. Certainly we hear from that on the Health Committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, are they like a clearinghouse of information, a sort of dispenser or distributor of information, rather than a board with any powers that are exercised by the board members acting as a board?

SENATOR JENSEN: You could call it a clearinghouse. Like I said, I think they do a lot more than that. They are really interested in how the state of Nebraska and how health services are performed.