

women in their place. I know the Hospital Association wrote the bill. It's got Chip Thomas's fingerprints all over it. The hygienists want to be licensed and regulated. These medical people don't want women to rise in the professional field because they think it's going to cost them more money. It's going to mean they don't get by with paying them \$4.00 an hour. This is the most stupid, asinine bill I've ever seen, but I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to let you pass it and then I'm going to do an Ernie Chambers or a Johnny DeCamp trick, then I'm going to tell you what you did to yourselves. The senators, what they did to themselves in this bill with his obnoxious, and I find this bill just the most distasteful because it is designed to keep women who work in the health care field in their place. Make sure they don't rise any higher. Sure the Nebraska nurses got in there, they said, and were one of the proponents of it, but let's remember, their board of directors are RNs that have made it to the top and probably higher than most other nurses. Mr. Chairman, I can tell nobody is listening to me, so I'm not going to be surprised if this bill goes 48-1, but Marge Higgins isn't going to be a party to this bill that's going to take away the power from the senators and that's going to hold women down and the biggest joke is going to be on you after you've passed this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 407 for a lot of reasons. I'd like to ask anybody and everybody in the room if they know the difference between a respiratory therapist, a physical therapist, a chiropractic physiotherapist, an athletic trainer or a masseuse. I'd like to know if they know the difference between a dental assistant, dental hygienist, dental anesthetist, maybe a counselor, a social worker, a minister or priest or an alcoholism counselor. How about a physician's assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse aide? How about optician, optometrist, ophthalmologist and an optic technician? How about a cosmetologist, a barber? How about a dietician and a nutritionist? How about an emergency medical technician and a home health care specialist? Now if you know all of the answers to all of those questions, then you ought to vote against the bill, but I don't think there are too many people that do that.