

bill, so what you are doing is creating an enclave to protect those who exist now and saying that which is good for those on the outside is not good for those on the inside and this is what is called "grandpersoning", I won't say grandfathering. I don't like men to get blamed for all of the negative things such as this. You have examples in other areas where members of the Legislature will say, how in the world did this cockeyed notion get into the statute? Why do we have this? And somebody will say, in order to get the bill passed you had to grandfather in or make sure that those who should be affected by it will not be. Then they won't oppose it, and since they are the only ones who are in the area now, if they are not touched by it, they won't fight it because it will help them keep everybody else out. So what is being done by this is to protect and give a perpetual control to those in the health care industry who are there right now. They will not be affected by this bill. They don't have to pass muster. They don't have to let somebody come and separate the hair on their scalp to see if there are any little ticks, nits, or lice. They don't have to stick their tongue out to see if it is coated, or let somebody look at their teeth and see how many cavities there are, or put them on a treadmill and see how fast they can run or how many hoops they can jump through. That kind of allegorical, demeaning treatment is retained for those who would be perceived as competitors, and when you have a legislative assembly which is supposed to be a deliberative body saying that we are going to create a perpetual bar to competition other than that which is permitted by those who will be competed against, the Legislature is not deliberative at all. It is playing into the hands of a well-heeled, high-powered lobbying special interest group. The passage of this bill will show more than anything else how this Legislature can be totally controlled, not just for this year but forever. How likely is it that Senator Hefner, who is in the petroleum industry, would like to have me get into competition with him by setting up a facility...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...right next door and undersell him because I have a supplier who can give me all of whatever the product is and I can undercut him and run him out of business? He would say, no, no. I would say, well, competition, competition. He would say, but that is unfair.