

interest because I presume they have read this bill and they understand the import of what is in it. They are saying that at this moment this Legislature, taking a bill written by those who want to be protected from competition, is going to put, if possible, a straitjacket on Legislatures in the future that would deal with any legislation pertaining to these health care professions and the possibility of them facing competition. A licensure bill, which this purports to be, does not go to the quality of services to be given to the public. It deals strictly with competition. Competition deals with who is going to be in a position to make money and who will be in a position to make the most money, and what is being done by those who are pushing this bill is to try to make sure that that protected posture will be forever maintained. I think that one of the worst policies that this Legislature could undertake is something like this, and when a future Legislature does come along, or when those in the health care profession fall out and no longer are unified like this to protect their interest, once you have given them that protection from competition, Senators will have the scales fall away from their eyes and they will look at this and say, where did this cockeyed notion come from? What do they mean before I can have a bill considered it has got to be passed through a sieve? I am a legislator. I was sent down here to use my judgment. The Constitution in guaranteeing people the right to vote guaranteed the one voted on the right to use his or her judgment unencumbered by nonsense such as this. So it is not binding but it can be used by those in the Legislature to try to restrict what can be done with legislation by saying the law requires this, and as long as it is the law, that is the way it will be done, and any bill introduced will be processed according to what is in this. Why is that necessary, Senator Smith, why is it necessary to say that any bill or all bills introduced into the Legislature, not all bills introduced pertaining to health care industry which is to be protected from competition, but all bills introduced into the Legislature should be reviewed according to the criteria established in Section 19 of this act? What kind of stuff is that? I have got to give it to those health care professionals and their lobbyists. They have beguiled the Health and Welfare Committee or whatever the proper name of it is. They are reaching a large number of the Senators but I want to put as much distance between myself and this piece of nefarious legislation as I can. I would like to see people who are going to run for office