

when they go out there telling the people put me in office and I will look out for your welfare, I will look out for your interests, I will do that which is in the public interest, then justify voting for a bill like this which says that those who have a locked in vested interest need not face competition unless they decide they will face it and then there will be only as much of it as they decide to let through. You won't tell that to your constituents, and if it is brought up, you can give the traditional explanation or nonexplanation, well, gee, I didn't know what I was voting on. I hope through this discussion anybody who wants to run against any of us will have something in the record to show that with the extended debate we had that there is no way somebody could say they didn't know. They knew, and despite knowing, chose to go along with it and I am sure there are other industries that would like to be protected in this fashion. One for certain would be the construction industry where those who now are in a position to bid on contracts for state highways will be the only ones who can bid unless you can pass through a committee made up of them who will decide to let you through, and there is no need in Senator Wesely and his cohorts saying that these things won't happen like this. Look at the history of legislation and how this body functions. I will say again and then I will sit down, this is a major policy decision being enacted. You can see the lack of concern with it, the lack of interest in it. So you mean to tell me that if we are going to be that careless with something this important, we are going to be more careful when a committee that we have set up whom we are to rubber stamp tells us, here are your marching orders, run with it. It is a mistake, and although what I am asking to be stricken will not go to those other bad aspects of the bill, it at least takes some of the arrogance away from this operation. It at least says that you are not going to let the health care industry get you to put into the law of Nebraska something that inhibits the ability of the Legislature to use its unfettered independent judgment in ruling on legislation. "All bills introduced into the Legislature should be reviewed according to the criteria established in Section 19 of this act." I think this language that I am mentioning ought to be stricken and I am going to do some more work on the bill, but with that having been stricken, these people can still keep the competition out. They can still make them jump through the hoops, and you can still create a "c-zar" or a czar in this director who is given all this new power. All