

CLERK: 19 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The Chair recognizes...Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak? He just spoke, didn't he? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I just want to take one second. You need to know something before you vote on this. If you think we're behind on the licensure of dietitians or nutritionists, think again, because we have only got 11 states in this country that license dietitians and no states that we're aware of, there may be one that is attempting to or something, I'm not sure about it, but nutritionists we're not getting into whatsoever in this country. We can't define the area. It's too difficult an area to define as you probably know already from the lobbying you've gotten from nutritionists and dietitians. It is an extremely difficult thing. I don't think you want to move into an area in this area that is so complex and so uncertain with a licensure effort when so many states have looked at it and decided not to act on it because of the difficulties involved. Before you take a step be sure of what you're doing and I know Senator Schmit says well, we don't...you know, if we voted against everything we weren't sure about we'd never vote. Well I understand that and I agree. I mean you can't absolutely know everything, but I am saying this is an area of great concern and there is a great deal of misapprehension about what we're doing. You've been lobbied heavily by dietitians who feel strongly about the bill and I understand that. But I am saying to you that only 11 states have taken action on this. It's not like we're way behind everybody else and they're not taking action because they are uncertain of what action to take and there may be a better way to go about it than what is being proposed in this bill. Now, again, I urge you to read Dr. Wright's commentary. He may not know all that there needs to be known about this subject, but I think he knows a neck of a lot more about it than the rest of us and I think he's got an expertise over there that we ought to at least recognize. The technical committee looked at this thing and they came out with some recommendations and I respect their judgment, but I'd simply think that Dr. Wright makes a lot more sense and I'd ask you to consider voting against the bill.