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LB 481

Senator Lewis, do you wish to speak to the...we are on the DeCamp amendment on LB 481.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, just so I get the drift of the conversation, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a couple of questions, if he would yield.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you yield, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I suppose.

SENATOR LEWIS: Now, Senator DeCamp, we have historically gone through this kind of thing in a number of areas. I remember the requirement for testing for nursing and there was some concern that we needed to grandfather those in who had the certificate already. I remember the real estate bill and there was a desire on the part of some to grandfather it in. The industry wanted them to take the test, I think, in terms of competency to serve the people. Is this that same kind of thing where it is a desire on the part of the industry to develop a test for purposes of helping the citizen, or is this a delimiting process in terms of those who can serve much like the quasi governmental bar association? I don't understand the amendment and I am certainly not making any inquiries or accusations. Could you explain that a little further in terms of what the purpose is and what we are trying to accomplish?

SENATOR DeCAMP: You know, I really do apologize. I don't think I could be more eloquent on it than Senator Barrett or Senator Dworak who are experts in the field, and they stated it succinctly. Anything I would say would be repetitious, so I will just get them to kind of explain it privately to you in much more simple language than they did before.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, that wasn't exactly what I had in mind. John DeCamp was saying the other day that there is one thing on this floor he always did and that was to tell the truth, and he just did. He doesn't know what is going on and he doesn't know what it says, and I appreciate that. May I ask Senator Dworak a question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: As Winston Churchill said, that's nonsense up with which I will not put. Senator Dworak, what is the purpose of the testing?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Lewis, the purpose of the testing