

the bill because it is coming up on General File, is I think frankly we have provided through our administrative processes, ample checks on the regulators and this provides another check which, in my own opinion, will be quite time costly without a lot of significant results. If I could trundle up here all the regulations that now exist, I think every member in this body would be quite appalled. There are many many volumes right now of state regulations that are on file with our revisor of regulations. What this measure provides is that on the first anniversary of every new regulation, and I will bet you dollars to doughnuts that there will be at least five hundred to a thousand new regulations promulgated annually by the various agencies of this state. That might be a little high but I know the Department of Welfare for example promulgates many, many, many regulations all the time, but on the first anniversary of every new regulation we are going to have to have a hearing and the revisor of regulations is going to be the person to do that kind of a hearing and it really is an opportunity for anybody who wants to complain about the regulation to come in and complain. Well the truth of the matter is the opportunity already exists. How does it exist? Before regulation can be adopted it has to be subjected to the public hearing process. Now there have been times when public hearings have been waived and the Administration Rules and Regulations Committee has taken care of that through a bill which this body is now advancing to essentially eliminate the waiver of public hearing, but every new regulation is subjected to the public hearing process and the affected industry can appear and give testimony for, against or to amend, the same kind of process that we have in our own body. If that regulation still does not seem to conform to statute, the regulation may be judicially challenged and the court itself can determine whether or not the regulation conforms to the overriding statute and that happens on a number of occasions. Finally, if the regulation does not work very well, our administrative procedures act has a specific provision which says that anybody who wants to can file with the regulatory authority a request to amend a regulation and I have done it. I have done it and it has worked. I mean, I, just as an ordinary citizen said, I don't like the way this regulation is operating and I am requesting a change and the administrative agency has taken a hard look at it, concluded that my point might be well taken and has amended the regulation. So, in fact, that is a doable. Finally we have our own Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee right here which has an oversight function and under the chairmanship of Senator Ralph Kelly has done quite well.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.