

understand that. So they flat turned me down and said no, Dr. Ken Diamond will not do that study. No, you will not have an outside consultant do that study. That doesn't leave me with very many options. It leaves me with none. The worse thing that we could do is to do another one of these studies because what is going to happen then is that we won't have sufficient staff to do it and then we will come back with another one of these white wash jobs and say there is no problem. In another year or two years down the road when somebody says hey there is a problem, then Senator Cullan or Senator Goodrich or Hefner will stand up and say well the Public Health and Welfare Committee just did a study two years ago and there is no problem. So, I would rather not do any study at all, because I know what the results are going to be. I know what the results are going to be. That is an injustice, that is an in service. We have given enough options to the members of the committee. The fact that there are only fourteen days left in the committee really is a camouflage on the part of Senator Cullan and Senator Goodrich. I think that looking at the committee testimony and looking at the case of the lady where an aide laughingly came up to another aide and said look what we did here, we taped her mouth shut because she was talking...I don't think that those types of things should be tolerated. I sometimes wonder.....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR SIMON: I sometimes wonder how some of us can go to sleep at night knowing some of the things that happen as we turn our backs to it. I know that I can't. This thing has upset me more than anything since I have been down here on the floor of the Legislature. I know that the votes aren't there, Senator Cullan, but I don't consider it a waste of legislative time. I feel an obligation to bring this before this body, I feel an obligation to bring it before the public because I will say once again that I think the committee has acted in an irresponsible manner. I think that sixteen people who have worked in nursing home industries have brought forth sufficient information to call for a study, that is not exactly a mammoth piece of legislation. All I ask for is a study and if between the members of the committee they could not agree to have either the Health Department do it or a consultant. Now I don't know how many more options. . . .

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Simon. The question before the House. Senator Simon.