

And I view this bill as a very important piece of bill because it offers to the Legislature a tool to do a better job than we've ever done in the past. Where rather than just leaving it up to the politics or the practitioner group who can hire the lobbyist and get to the votes on the floor, you are going to offer a chance for review by a technical committee made up of the peers of those professions and paraprofessions and you're going to make it possible for this legislative body to be much more responsible than it has in the past. Some of these bills have been around for five years, some maybe longer than that. It's not fair that that should happen simply because they don't know how to politic a bill. I think what this will give us is a chance to see not just one, not just two, but three reviews and recommendations that will help us all do a better job and I would strongly urge your support for 407.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers. May we have order in the Chamber please. A debate is going on on this bill. (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is one of those bills which at first blush might sound very good because it takes away the necessity from the Legislature of studying issues and doing our job as policy makers of the state. A situation will arise where the Legislature will be merely a rubber stamp of special interest groups' decision. On page 2 of this bill, and I'm not going to go into all aspects of it because there are a number of bad things, but if you want to pass it anyway, you can and you will. But when they say, on line 17 by restricting entry into the profession, the ones who will do the restricting are those who already have a vested interest in keeping people out. This is one of the things I see bad about the Bar Association and compulsory membership where those in the profession control who shall be allowed to enter. When you delegate responsibilities which belong to the Legislature to an agency or board, I think it is an irresponsible act even if the delegation itself is not unconstitutional. We are the policy makers of the state and sometimes by enacting a piece of legislation a policy decision is made or taken which will bind future Legislatures simply because Legislatures tend to be lazy. If a committee or an organization which has an impressive looking piece of stationery or an impressive sounding name, gives its approval to or support of a bill, then the