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given the power to rule on the admission of any others and the Legislature will put itself in a position of more or less having to give undue consideration to these determinations. It's not a good policy decision. It's not a good philosophy that the Legislature should adopt. So rather than stand up every time this bill is considered and speak against it, I'll simply vote against it. I saw what happened on LB 252. Even after the Chairman acknowledged that he had gotten concerns expressed to him by public defenders and others, so the mere fact that we're given information or factual material that should alter our judgment does not mean it will alter our vote. I'm against giving away any more of the responsibility than we already have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would like to interrupt debate to announce that Senator Barrett has guests in the north balcony this morning. They are 8 students from St. Anne's School in Lexington accompanied by their teachers. If you would stand, we'd like to welcome you to the Legislature this morning. Also, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and do sign LB 498, 446, 299, 244, 165, 104, 67, 191, 223 and 116 and LB 252.. (See page 962 of the Legislative Journal.)

The Chair recognizes Senator Withem and after that I have lights of recognition from Senator Smith, Higgins, Chronister and Hannibal. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to ask your favorable consideration of the committee amendments in the LB 407 itself. A couple of things I'd like to correct before we get going, Senator Higgins indicated that this bill was greased and she knew it was greased because nobody was listening to Senator Wesely. Frankly even when bills aren't greased, no one listens to Senator Wesely either, so I don't think that has any relevance whatsoever with this. Thank you, thank you. Seriously, I would like to say that I do think that this is a good process. We are adding some order to our method of dealing with licensure questions. The brief time I've been here I've noted we have two formats for dealing with licensure questions. If it's a weak group that comes before us, one that doesn't have a lot of votes in the Legislature and I'll use as an example the dental assistants and dental