

begging you on the other side and then you go into the committee and you listen to the debate. I realize that not everybody on Public Health and Welfare is knowledgeable in health care. I didn't know what a dental hygienist was when I started on that committee, but I listened and I learned. One of our new freshman senators said that he wasn't any expert in different types of therapy and he would like experts talking to him. Those are experts that come before that committee. I think what it boils down to is, it's the same as it was the three years I served there, they don't want the pressure, they don't want the heat, but the main thing is the lobbyists that got this bill prepared will get their way today. I'm quoting one senator who says he is tired of telling them to work things out. I guess what this bill is saying or what this committee is saying, the Public Health and Welfare Committee is saying is, don't bring any bills to this Legislature until they're perfect. That's not our job. We're not supposed to handle legislation that is controversial. You people work things out among yourselves and if you little dental hygienists can't get the dentists to agree to let you upgrade yourself from being a paid clerk in the office to a dental hygienist, then don't bother the Public Health and Welfare Committee. That's not their purpose. Well maybe we ought to abolish Public Health and Welfare if all they want is a recommendation from a board as to whether or not something is good. I think it's an attempt to pass the buck, take the responsibility away from the Legislature and our duties, give it to a board. Senator Withem said, we're not going to have all doctors and dentists making these decisions. Who is going to serve on this board? Now if the senators don't want to sit and listen to the testimony that the experts themselves give before them because they always have experts, they have doctors before them, they have dental hygienists, they have dental assistants, they have paramedics, they have EMTs. They are experts but Public Health and Welfare says, no, pass the buck, appoint a board, a politically appointed board. Well if you're not going to have experts on that board, then you're going to be listening to people that don't know anything about the industry so where do you get your experts from? I'll tell you where you get them from, where the Hospital Association tells you to get them, where the Medical Association tells you to get them. Do you think the hospitals and the Medical Associations are going to want anybody to be upgraded? Of course not, that's why they are proposing this bill. I have an amendment up on the floor