

and I will cease speaking now until my amendment comes up. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: Well I'd like to reply to Marge again.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, Senator Higgins and members of the body...who, Marge? No.

PRESIDENT: I thought she had a point of order.

SENATOR SMITH: Who, myself? No, I thought you allowed me to speak.

PRESIDENT: Well I thought it was a point of order.

SENATOR SMITH: I would like to make sure that I speak.

PRESIDENT: You're on the list, Senator. You're on the list to speak again and Senator Hannibal, you are next. You're going to wait for the bill? Yes, technically we are on the committee amendments and, Senator Lynch, do you want a second time now? Apparently not. Senator Chambers, very well. Senator Hall, do you want to speak on the amendments? Okay, let's start all over again. Senator Smith, if you wish to speak now on the amendments, you're...

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. It's very appropriate. Okay, first I would just like to have Senator Higgins look at her list of the proposed amendments or the amendments here which would be page 12, lines 13 through 27, Section 22. It says, the director will appoint a separate technical committee to examine and investigate each application. The committee shall consist of six appointed members and one member appointed from the board who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The first, second and third appointed members will not be from health care professions that would be in direct competition with the applicant group. The fourth, fifth and sixth appointed members will be subject to approval by the applicant group. These could very well all be professionals and it would give those people that are being reviewed the opportunity to approve at least half of those six people. So that's...I think it makes it fair.