

The other thing I would also like to address is the fact that I'd like to make it clear that we as the members of the Health and Welfare Committee don't feel that we're trying to duck out of our duties or the work that goes along with being a member of that committee. I think in fact what we're doing here is getting a double dose by being a member of the Health and Welfare Committee on this issue. We've been listening to these concerns. We've sat through hours and hours of committee meetings, Senator Higgins, and what we've had is a lot of pressure from lobbyists on both sides. Sometimes I feel like it's more than two sides. After we've listened to these concerns, now through the 407 process it will be referred. These people will be making some...hopefully some very professional recommendations which will then come back to us as a committee and we will be making a decision and probably under pressure again at that point. So I would tell you that I think we're probably getting double rather than a single dose of lobbying efforts. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The motion before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 407. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Smith said something that caught my attention. The committee amendments are extensive and it is difficult to read through and incorporate them into the green sheet, but since you called my attention to something, I'd like to ask you a question or two about what you said. Did you say...would you tell me again how the committee will be made up based on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, you have here, and I hope I've got this right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just tell me what you said because I don't want to misstate what you said.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, basically the committee will be made up of professional people that will be those people that...the opposing sides. I think maybe Senator Wesely ought to make sure that I've got the right thing here. Did I say this totally correctly? That the committee will be appointed and there will be members of those people that will be appointed that will be on opposing sides, in other