

and a chance for the committee and the Legislature to see the options that we have. This is a chance for us to systematically look at the problem and have a chance to choose which option we think is in the public interest. That is what we have right now and I think it makes a lot of sense. I ask your support for the bill. I think it is going to work. We would like to pass it as soon as possible so we can have it in place this interim and as soon as possible begin the process. Now I have talked to Senators like Senator Hannibal who have concerns about exactly how it is going to work through the process. I pledge now to work with any of you to, if you have some positive suggestions on the bill at this point, I am willing to listen. I am also willing to look at the bill after we go through the process one year. I am certain that we will find bugs and mistakes and we will correct those next session, but we have to try it to see whether or not it will work. We have to maybe experiment in one year's time to see how it will operate and at that point further refinement can take place. But in my estimation it can't help but be better than what we have now. So I am willing to take that first step, see the process through and make adjustments next session. And I would ask all of you to support this effort. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. I have a request for recognition from this list. Senators Hannibal, Hall, Chambers, Higgins, Chronister and Remmers. Oh yes, we have to go to an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp had amendments to the bill that I understand he wishes to withdraw. The next amendment I have, Mr. President, is by Senator Higgins.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I am sorry, Senators, that I did not have time to have this passed out, but it is a very simple amendment. You have all listened to the Public Health and Welfare Committee's arguments why this is a good bill because it passes the buck onto another board and they are going to listen to the professionals for the legislative senators and then that board will decide whether or not it should come to the Legislature or not. So my amendment is very simple. If this is going to streamline legislation, if it is going to help the Public Health and Welfare Committee get rid of all these bills and all these