

Welfare Committee, you were appointed to a task force. Correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What did that task force do?

SENATOR WESELY: We looked at health care cost containment in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Wesely, couldn't you just as easily have appointed a task force to do this instead of setting this into cement in the statutes? Couldn't you have a task force that you could tell all the different people that want to be licensed and regulated and have your task force come to you then and say, this is what we have decided?

SENATOR WESELY: That is one approach you could take.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Um hmm. Thank you, Senator Wesely. I just wondered why we are setting this in cement if the Public Health and Welfare Committee can't deal with all their bills, gee willikers, they could have at least appointed a task force. Thank you, Mr. President, and I urge the adoption of this amendment, but I don't think it is going to get it.

PRESIDENT: You are not withdrawing your amendments, are you, Senator Higgins?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I am trying to help the Legislature streamline things...

PRESIDENT: All right, all right...

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...like Public Health and Welfare, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: ...I just wanted to clarify a point.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, Mr. President, I want to streamline this Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Very well. We are on the Higgins amendment and the next I have in line on that is Senator Wesely and then