

PRESIDENT: Well, I would kind of like to hear it. (Gavel.)  
Senator Chambers, go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Mr. Chairman, I appreciate what you are trying to do but as I often have to say, I understand my status in this Legislature but they are not going to get me to be quiet by doing as they do. I will talk until I don't have an opportunity to talk and I will say what I intend to say, then when another issue comes up on another day when one of them is situated as I am, they will understand. But, nevertheless, this is an important issue and I am going to discuss it. When you have a board or agency regulating an industry, as time goes on those who do the regulating find a way to climb in bed with those who are to be regulated. When you set up a procedure such as is envisioned in LB 407, you are setting up in effect a super regulatory agency which is under the sole discretion of the Director. This Director is given all types of new powers under this legislation which cannot be justified. Never should the opportunity to obtain a livelihood in a chosen profession be in the hands or as greatly influenced by one person as will be the case under this bill should it become law. The Director, remember, need not do what this committee or adopt the report of this committee that he or she will appoint. The only reasonable basis for such a rejection would be that the Director feels that mistakes were made by the committee in arriving at its conclusion. Since the Director's report as well as the committee's report must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Public Health Committee and the Speaker of the Legislature and to any member who wants it, what will be before us is a pair of reports which disagree with each other. So the individuals who say now they don't understand these licensing matters when they come up, will understand it better when they see the committee appointed by the Director saying one thing and the Director saying the opposite thing. Is that how you bring about more understanding? It certainly is not. This bill is not dealing with understanding of issues. This bill is dealing with protection of turf, to use the term somebody used earlier. You are placing in the hands who already have a vested interest in a system the power to determine who else will be allowed to get into that system. It is never good. It is not good for the Legislature to do this at nine o'clock in the morning. It is not good for the Legislature to do it fifteen minutes before the lunch hour. Often, in