

request a copy of it. The whole point is senators are being hamstrung. If a constituent comes to you with a problem in the health care field, regarding any regulations, any scope of practice that you have to do it, you cannot introduce a bill for them. You have to tell them to go through all these hoops and jumps as prescribed in this bill. Now I don't know why we even bother with having committees. Why shouldn't we do the same thing with every other industry that wants to change their scope of practice? One day somebody may want to come in and be a licensed, regulated computer programmer. They then can go to a senator and have them introduce a bill because computer programmers are not considered in the health care field. Why don't we say that anybody who wants to do something that would affect agriculture has to first go through the Department of Agriculture, and then they will appoint a commission that will do an investigation, and again put your constituent through all those hoops. Then eventually it will come back to somebody in the Legislature, and it doesn't even say whether you have the right to introduce a bill to do that or not. I don't know who it leaves it up to decide whether or not somebody will be allowed to have their profession upgraded, or have a regulation changed. So all I'm saying, Senators, is by inserting this simple word, "except a member of the Legislature", you are not taking away from yourself the right to represent your constituents when it comes to health care professions. There are other professions that are as equally difficult to understand as health care. I don't know why, when bankers want to change their rules and regulations, they are not required first to go to the Director of Banking and then have him appoint a committee that, in turn, is going to do a report, go back to the Banking Department, then the Banking Director, and the Banking Director doesn't have to accept or reject their recommendations. In effect we are creating a new bureaucracy here. We are taking away from the people the right to petition this Legislature, their own senator, to introduce legislation for them. I guarantee you, I know a lot of senators aren't paying attention there in the back on the south, but what is to prevent, next year, and why wouldn't they be justified, any other profession from coming in and copying this bill and doing the same thing? Eventually we may get to the point where we can eliminate committee hearings. The committees won't ever have to have a public hearing from the people. I know that one senator made the statement that he wants the recommendation of