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system to get recommendations from health care professionals, those who understand in much more detail and in a much more technical sense than what we have available to us as state senators. It is merely a recommendation. Any state senator, if he can get...he or she can get 24 colleagues to go along, can make any changes in health care laws with the recommendation or without. We think this adds some sense to our process of dealing with health care licensure issues. I'd urge you to not adopt the Higgins amendment, and then proceed to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for Senator Wesely, if he would respond, please. Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, Senator Pirsch wants a question answered.

SENATOR WESELY: Excuse me, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Wesely, I've had a great many constituents, as I'm sure we all have, who are concerned about their licensure bills that have been introduced in the Legislature and are now, I understand, sitting in the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: How will LB 407 affect those bills that have been introduced this session and perhaps subsequent bills next year?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, that is a good question. For the bills that are introduced this year, they are held in committee with one exception now, we just killed one of them this morning. So we are down to ten.

SENATOR PIRSCH: What one was that?

SENATOR WESELY: It deals with...well it is the one that was the exception to the rule. All the other bills were for people trying to get new licensure expanded scope of practice. This one bill came in from physical therapists to change the terminology chiropractors can utilize in