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precluded from anything, really, under the bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, I guess I understand. Thank you, Senator Wesely. I did have a lot of reservations about LB 407 if it should delegate, by a committee of a committee, and all appointed to boot, the ability of this Legislature to deal directly with the problems. I have a tendency to support Senator Higgins' amendment if indeed this would make assurances that the Legislature would have the ability to come on directly with a change in a health care licensure. And I think...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...we should be very careful before we give up any ability to deal directly with the health care fields. I guess I will find out more about Senator Higgins' amendment, but right now have a tendency to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Higgins a question. Senator Higgins, is it your feeling that, if your amendment is not passed, senators' ability to introduce legislation will be restricted?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Very definitely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, that's all I need. I'm not going to support the amendment. The Constitution gives us our authority to legislate, so leave the bill like it is. There are other problems I've seen with it that I'm not going to touch. Leave the bill alone. Senator Withem, are you here? I'd like to ask Senator Withem a question or two. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that the makeup of legislative committees will change from time to time, from session to session?

SENATOR WITHEM: I am aware of that fact.