

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you of the opinion that because a thing is a certain way today it will forever be that way?

SENATOR WITHEM: I am not of that opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think there is a possibility that the intelligence or dedication level of the members of the Public Health Committee could be greater some day than it is today?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would seriously doubt that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think there is a possibility that there would be people on that committee who could understand matters pertaining to licensure better than those who are on the committee right now?

SENATOR WITHEM: It is possible, but I would tend to doubt it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Withem answered in the spirit in which I asked the question, but his answers also reveal in a humorous way the arrogance of the Public Health Committee. They say that what they understand is what nobody will be able to understand more than. Their level of dedication, if such it be, sets a ceiling on anybody's level of dedication. Their ability to understand today is the ceiling on what anybody will be able to understand. Because they, themselves, perceive a limited ability in themselves to deal with the issues relative to licensure, anybody who, in the future, would ever be on that committee would be subject to the same limitations. That is why I use the term arrogance. That is a tendency found in some individuals to place their limitations on others. I would hate to think that what we know in 1985 is as much as anybody will know. That is preposterous. There are not many people on the floor of this Legislature who will say they know no more today than they knew last year, or in other words that they have not grown. They have not read anything, they have not talked to anybody, they have not witnessed or experienced anything which expanded their knowledge and increased their understanding. Because the existing Public Health and Welfare Committee, today, feels limited, it wants to freeze, in statute forever, this moment in time when a limited committee said what they know is as much as anybody will