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PRESIDENT: No, there are not. There is one that I think wants to call the question, so you may close.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then I will close, unless somebody else wants to speak.

PRESIDENT: You may close, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senators, I beg of you please take the bill in your hand and follow me, then you'll know what I'm getting at. On page 3, Section 4, how do they define applicant group? Professional group, but they say any individual or any other interested party. You are an individual or another interested party, and so am I. Now turn to page 7, Section 21. After January of 1985 an applicant group, that is an individual, that is you, or another interested party, that is me, shall submit an application to the director on forms prescribed by the director. Then you have to go through Section 22 and do everything it says and Section 23, unless you put the amendment in there that says except a member of the Legislature. Senator Wesely said he couldn't understand the amendment. Senator Withem said he couldn't understand it and, therefore, you ought to pass by it. I think now perhaps you understand where I'm coming from. If an individual is part of an applicant group then so are you and so am I. If another interested party is part of an applicant group then so are you and so am I. If you read Section 21 then it says you or I shall submit an application to the director on the forms. You are going to have to do Section 22 and 23. So all I'm asking is that you adopt this amendment, even though my friend, Senator Chambers, says this whole thing is unconstitutional, this bill. I'm just telling you that you are giving away your rights as a senator when it only comes to health care fields. I repeat, next year you will have the architects, the CPAs, anybody that is regulated by any state agency will be here with a bill saying you did it for the health care professionals, why not do it for us? If you think you've got a lot of bills now, wait until next year. Thank you, Senators, for your time and consideration.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the house is the Higgins amendment to LB 407. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the Higgins amendment to LB 407. The Chair will allow 20 seconds for the recording of your