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referee is a fox. The judges at ringside are foxes, and all the spectators are sitting there with a knife and a fork and glistening teeth, just rattling their silverware, waiting for the outcome, and then the other people say, well this is going to be a fair fight. When you draw it in those terms you can see it. If you read this bill you see the same thing. But because apparently the deals have been struck it makes no difference. I'm going to use every opportunity I can to distance myself from this pernicious legislation. I don't think the amendment that Senator Wesely is offering will do anything other than put more words into the statute books, but I know it will be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired. Senator Wesely, you may close.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Interrupting.) Senator Higgins, did you wish to speak? Excuse me. Senator Higgins just asked for recognition.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to ask a question. I see...I don't see any of the attorneys on the floor. Senator Beutler, or Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland, would you yield to a question for me, please? You may or may not know the answer, I don't know.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'll try, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are paralegals licensed and regulated today?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, no, there is nothing in the statutes pertaining to paralegals.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: There are schools for paralegals and...

SENATOR HIGGINS: I realize that, but right now paralegals are not licensed and they are not regulated.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, and they have no statutory authorities either.