

as somebody who may have been in their health care profession for 20 years. So it would be very easy, as Mr. Reagan has done, to appoint a person who will be a shame to the committee...I meant to the profession which is seeking acceptance. The members of that profession may not want this individual as a representative. But it does not say they have the right to caucus or whatever and select a representative of their choice. The director can look out there and say I'm going to pick the dumbest one of all, and I'm going to put that one on the committee, and since we have one on one side, and one from the other, it is equal. If you put...

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired, Senator. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, do you notice how cooperative I am? I'm not saying an additional word, except this time when you tell me my time is up.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Chambers...Senator Wesely, you may close.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, we are trying to put into the statute, as best we can, the intent of this legislation and the Public Health and Welfare Committee to be fair, impartial and equitable to the different parties concerned about the licensure applications that will be processed through this legislation. We are trying to do the best we can to make sure all sides are represented. We are trying to be sure that nobody stacks the committee. And we think that from the very beginning that would, indeed, be the case. We've seen the Department of Health, over the years, and the attempts in appointing different members to committees has always, in my estimation, been fair. I've never had very many problems with their efforts over there and appointments. I think they would have, on their own, done exactly what this amendment calls for. But because of concerns brought to us by Senator Higgins and Senator Chambers and a few others, that they want to make sure the committee is equitable and fair, we have offered this amendment to you to assure us that that will be the case. So we are offering this in good