

would like to...I myself am going to and I would like to alert the other members, they probably are already alerted, to the fact that maybe we are dealing with a board, the 407 process, that is prolicensure. And although I have been in favor of most of the licensure recommendations they have come out with, I would like to say that we should keep that in mind.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Miller raises a good question. In retrospect you would think perhaps that we have taken every bill and just sent it on over to you. 407 did much different than what people thought. Many people opposed it, if you remember, not very many people, a couple of people actually opposed the bill last year vehemently feeling that it would stop all licensure efforts and, in fact, it hasn't done that at all. But what it has done, it has sorted out the situation and taken the good and separated it from the bad. We have taken licensure bills and made them certification bills and that is a major de-emphasis in the situation. When you license somebody, only they can perform a certain function. In certification, you basically tell the public this person is well qualified in this area but other people can practice the same sort of thing. It is just you delineate the good well-qualified practitioner from the nonqualified practitioner. In licensure, that is it, you say this is the only people, these are the only people that can do something. So it is a highly structured inclusive effort. Almost everyone of these bills came in with licensure and almost everyone of them got turned down to certification or registration. In the assistants, we took it out completely and just identified them in statute. And so it doesn't seem like maybe we stopped a lot. We did stop a couple of things but most of them got changed, modified, compromised and are now to a level where people are in pretty much agreement. If you look at any of these bills, you will find that lots of people opposed them in the hearing, but you don't hear any opposition today other than the dieticians have got a problem and the opticians. So only a couple out of the ten or so had any problem left because opticians wanted to stay with licensure, did not want to go less than that, and that caused a problem. The dieticians, there have been a lot of question about do we need it or not need it so that has been controversy in how you do it. But, otherwise, everybody got everything worked