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say or a physician, that's just in there because a person who runs one of these who is a dietitian can draw up their own classes and services and then put their own stamp of approval on that. So really you're not going through any board. You are not going through any rules or regulations. It's just that they want to stamp and approve it, it's okay. Right?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So in essence, whatever they're trying to do with the bill, this more or less blows it.

SENATOR WITHEM: No.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No? Okay, I guess it's in the eyes of the beholder. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the Withem amendment, Withem-Johnson amendment? Any closing, Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. President, in response to Senator Haberman's question, what the bill does is it registers and licenses dietitians. We're putting those controls on the dietitians. That's what the bill does. The bill does not seek to license or regulate programs. What it seeks to do is say that the standards of education and practice that a dietitian will operate under. What we're saying with this amendment is that if a program of weight control has been authorized by one of these dietitians or by a physician, then that program will be acceptable. So what we're...they can continue to operate that program if it is approved by a dietitian which we are now setting up those standards to regulate the dietitian by LB 243. Basically what it does is it clarifies a point that most of the authors of the bill say is already there. They say that this is not necessarily needed. The attorneys for the Diet Center look at this and they feel like it is needed and to alleviate their concerns we're offering this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: That closes the discussion on the amendment to the amendment. All those in favor of the Withem amendment to the amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to the