

they're a registered dietitian and that's a commonly used term and it's something that that's what the hospitals use and nursing homes use and others use. But there is a lot of people out there that don't want to go to the normal type of advisor like that. They want to go to somebody and try something different and that freedom of choice is something then we have to be careful when we restrict it. When you license somebody as what we're proposing here you're really restricting a lot of access. Now I think in some cases that's good. For the quack out there I don't want to have access to him, but at the same time, trying to define them versus the rest of the nutritionists and what have you has been very difficult and as a result Dr. Wright has recommended not to do that and that's the way I would suggest you vote. If you'll look at the proposal by Dr. Wright, at the very end he says, if we've got a problem, if we want to deal with this issue, the way to go about it is to certify these people, certify them and that means we recognize that these people in particular have got the education and the training and the background to do a good job on this area of nutrition and dietitians. And then you can register the rest of those people so you have a sense of who is out there doing what. This is what we did with the professional counsellors. Senator Scofield similarly wanted to be licensed, but they decided that Dr. Wright was right, that we didn't need to go all that far and they went for certification and that's exactly what they did. Now I am suggesting that dietitians should do the same thing. They should go to a level of certification and registration and try and work something out that identifies for the public who is qualified and who isn't in a traditional sense, but not get into licensure or not restrict access because that is too difficult to do in this area. But at this point we haven't been able to get agreement on that and so I am saying to you because of that, I think you don't want to go to license any group without the burden of proof being met by that group, by your being absolutely certain it is a good idea. Licensure is the highest regulatory action we can take and I don't think you want to promote and pass a bill that does that unless you're absolutely sure that it's a good idea. Now we've passed a whole bunch of bills yesterday that we had worked with and worked with...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and got agreed to. This bill is not