

agreed to and it has serious problems and I'd ask you vote against its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, do you wish to be recognized on this? The motion is to advance the bill.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the advancement of LB 243. I want to point out to Senator Wesely that we aren't trying to enforce quackery in the state, we're trying to enforce the emission or the elimination of quackery in the state and I think that's exactly what LB 243 is purporting to do. I withdrew an earlier amendment and I wanted to come to you now and say that it will be offered on Select File. That amendment quite simply reinstates nutritionists into the bill along with dietitians and we'll have that debate if and when this bill goes to Select File and when that amendment is offered and I would suggest that I am saying that to you now so it doesn't come to you as any surprise that it's my intention to offer that to put nutritionists back under the same provisions that we have for dietitians. I'll take only one more minute of your time and tell you that I disagree with what Senator Wesely has just said, that, yes, we do have some situations out there where people would like to go to a registered dietitian or a registered or a licensed dietitian or a nutritionist because they are looking for some help along these lines and because we've had some problems, it is in their best interest to seek out professional and qualified help in these areas. But unlike Senator Wesely, I would suggest to you that while there are people out there that would like to look at other alternatives and me being a person who is generally in favor of unregulations in these areas, that we do have a need out there, that we do have a problem, we do have people that are purporting to be offering remedies and reliefs and solutions to problems that are not just not good, but rather they are indeed harmful, and that's what this bill is trying to do to try to cut down on that. I agree with Senator Pappas, the bill has been watered down in what it's doing and what it is purporting to do, but it's a step. It's a step in the right place. It's putting a licensure mechanism in place. It's putting a board in place. It's putting some professionals in place that can make decisions like this and can come back with recommendations to us for trying to address these problem areas and not restrict free enterprise and not restrict the individual centers that are offering help, but make sure