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a simple purpose of making things reasonable. I urge the body to return this bill for the purpose of attaching the grandfather clause as I have said. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Well, thank you, Mr. President. Just as a point of clarity, what Senator Sieck is attempting to do is to, to put the grandfather clause back in the bill. I don't know if you remember April 27; I offered an amendment which was voted I guess almost unanimously by this body to remove the grandfather clause and I'm sure that Senator Sieck voted in favor of removing that grandfather clause. Now I think for your information, colleagues, you need to understand what this provision implies. If you read the language of the handout that was given to you by Senator Sieck, it says the provisions of this act shall not apply to any employee of a nursing home on the effective date of this act that has been employed continuously for one year. Now if you take a look at the provisions of this act and what it provides for, I think you'll understand that what his amendment is doing really is effectively to defeat the bill, to gut the bill. What he is, what the amendment suggests is that and the bill provides for this, that you have to be 16 years of age or older and he is saying, you don't have to be 16 years of age or older. You don't have to speak English. You could have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and it also takes away the instruction of responsibility to report abuse and neglect. This is what would be the affect of, the affect of his amendment if it were adopted. And really I don't think that anyone in here and I'm not so sure even Senator Sieck who has been a champion for those people who are handicapped and although they're not considered handicapped, the elderly are handicapped just by age. Not too long ago Senator Hefner passed successfully a bill that dealt with continuing education for funeral directors. They came to this Legislature and they asked for continuing education, even though they had to fulfill certain amounts of education in order to be licensed as funeral directors. Now here we have an amendment that says that we don't want any continuing education for those people who have been hired for a year, who have worked for a nursing home for a year or more. The amendment that we adopted earlier, which I provided that we would allow 120 days for someone newly employed to become instructed in nursing care really doesn't make an awful lot of sense. If you're newly employed, you know, you've got 120 days but if you've only been working for the nursing home for a year, you don't have to receive any instruction. Really, I think this is a gross inequity and it's sort of contradicting, contradictory. I would hope that the members of the body would understand what's, what's being implied here by this amendment. By attaching the grandfather clause, basically what's happening