

would come under our 407 review. If you had a request for a new licensure, if you're a social worker and you would like to be licensed, you have a bill to create licensure for that that wasn't there before, but you also have situations, let's take the optometrists for example that are licensed and they are given a scope of practice. They are given certain parameters under which they can function. But let's say they feel constrained by that.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Proceed, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: It would be constrained by that, they'd like an expanded scope of practice. Now that is what the bill already covers, but let's say somebody says, well they're too broad. They should have a contracted scope of practice. LB 470 is a bill that does that, kind of does that. We're saying on this, the scope of practice whether it goes up or down ought to be reviewed so if somebody brings in a bill to lower the scope of practice just as if they want to increase it, we ought to review that. It also provides for the Director of Health to instead of having a separate technical committee for each of these eleven bills or each of the different proposals, have an ability to have a couple of them jointly considered by one technical committee. So these are mostly efforts to streamline the process, have it implemented as soon as possible so that we can move forward with all those bills that are held in committee. And now if I may, Mr. President, I'd like to talk about the amendment to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Mr. Clerk, I think that Senator Wesely is now proposing an amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the committee amendments. (Wesely amendment appears on page 962 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I have passed out on your desk, it's an amendment to 407, Standing Committee amendments. When we drafted the committee amendments we missed a couple of changes in that scope of practice item I told you about where it instead of increasing the scope of practice, if you just decrease or increase, change it at all, you'd come