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LB 1155

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely, the amendment that was previously adopted, relative to certificate of need, I believe it was 3 million.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WARNER: My...and you used the word build all the time. And I want, for clarification, because I have had...we've been dealing with tax exempt property, you know, and I had a call, I recall, from from one town where the hospital had acquired three existing doctors' clinics that were private operations and then they went on the tax rolls. And I just want to know, is...could they acquire one of those up to \$3 million and then it's just...it's another one of these little side property tax issues.

SENATOR WESELY: (Laughs) You're ever alert, Senator Warner. In fact, you're right. I talked about build because that's what they talked to me about. But it's just any project that would be for this purpose under that amount of money. And that would be build or purchase or remodel.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I guess it's done. But I would suggest that, at least what was presented to me on one of these examples, that it sounded like it was a way to...in fact, I think it was portrayed to me, it was a way to reduce the cost of operation by getting those clinics which were not adjacent to the hospital on the tax rolls and still continue to operate. And I understand it's for a good purpose, but I just wondered. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: No, you're right. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: No further lights. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 1155 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: All of those in favor say aye. Opposed. It is advanced. I would suggest to the body that, of course you're