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a number of areas and, thus, it is a wise step to take to merge them together at this point. Essentially what would end up happening is a number of functions now licensed by the Ag Department would be eliminated and locally licensed. Also we would see that boarding homes under the original provisions of LB 487 will be licensed by the Health Department and that would be coordinated over there instead of fragmented as it was before and we would restructure licensing of restaurants and cafes and I think that that essentially works together very well, and with the bill as amended, we would end up with a very fine, I think, reorganization bill that would eliminate unnecessary inspection and duplication of regulatory activities and would leave a very efficient Ag Department and a better functioning regulatory status for restaurants and cafes and boarding homes. So I think it is a very fine amendment and one that should be supported. I talked to Senator Wagner last night and I am sure he is going to comment on this, about the background on this bill and it is a very important one that needs to be passed this year. So I support the amendment and its inclusion in LB 487.

PRESIDENT: We have an amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend Request #2041.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, this was evidently omitted in the original amendment proposed by Senator Schmit and this is the egg handler amendment which they need to be exempted from the amendment. Evidently there was a problem in drafting that was identified by the Ag Department and this would just merely exempt egg handlers from the provisions of this Pure Food Act. So it is essentially a technical change providing exemption for egg handlers.

PRESIDENT: Okay, any discussion to the Wesely amendment to the Schmit amendment. Senator Wagner, did you wish to speak to the Wesely amendment to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR WAGNER: No, I would sooner request to speak to Request # (interruption).

PRESIDENT: Okay, and Senator Beutler, how about you, did you want to speak to...all right. Any further discussion on the Wesely amendment to the Schmit amendment? Senator Schmit, do you wish to discuss the amendment, the Wesely amendment to