

I agreed with Senator Wesely that we would hold the bill for a period of time and he would withdraw his 25 amendments and is offering 5 amendments in lieu thereof. So I would like to withdraw this amendment with Senator Marsh's approval for the time being and we will offer it after Senator Wesely's 5 amendments have been processed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, do you concur with the withdrawal? All right. So you are withdrawing your Cullan-Marsh amendments, so they are withdrawn. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wesely. I have I think 5 amendments, Mr. President. I need to check with Senator Wesely. Are there 5? Okay. Senator, do you want to take them up in the order....? All right. Mr. President, the first amendment I have is from Senator Wesely. It would amend Request 1318. Page 11, line 19, strike the word "hospital" and insert "health care facility". Page 12, line 17, strike the language identified in this section and show it as stricken, and on line 18 after the word "which" insert "costs more than \$400,000". On page 33 strike beginning with the word "approval" in line 11 through line 13. Page 36, line 6, strike "applicants", and in line 7 after "services" insert "by services provided...by service providers in the health service area." Strike original Section 20.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: This amendment, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, is the first of five that I will be introducing dealing with the question of Certificate of Need. The first one is one that should be not as significant as the following amendments will be. What we are trying to do in the first amendment is to clarify some questionable language which is now in the Cullan amendments as adopted to the bill. They deal with a number of subject areas. We have before you, I think we have passed out some summaries of a number of different items. Let me see if I can locate those. Okay, the amendments that you have before you then that are being discussed are found under the subject areas in this summary of major issues on Certificate of Need which is being passed out. It is about...well, it looks like it is about four pages long, is...you would need to look at items number 5, number 12, number 9 and number 6, are the particular issue subjects that are being considered under this amendment. What we are trying to do is deal with a number of different language problems again, some exemptions that are provided for that we think are questionable. And it is really mostly an attempt to try and clarify more than change the substantive proposals