

speed up the process under the bill and would provide all these groups a chance to come back next session with their bills held in committee and have a chance to take action on them at that time. I'd ask adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, we're discussing the committee amendments to LB 407.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask Senator Wesely, this amendment you handed out on LB 407, item number two, says, "On page 2, line 13, after the second comma," which would be after 1985, would be the second comma, "insert after 'The' insert 'director with the advice of the' and". Senator, it makes absolutely no sense, this amendment. I mean...

SENATOR WESELY: It's already adopted, Marge.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then we adopted something that makes no sense, didn't we?

SENATOR WESELY: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well I'd like to explain. I was given this this morning to read as an amendment. It says, amendments to Standing Committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: That's right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Now, where is the Standing Committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: They're in your bill book.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well I never use that. I use my own book. So that is an amendment to the Standing Committee amendments? Okay. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I know this bill is greased. I can tell it because nobody paid any attention at all when Senator Wesely was talking. But somebody has got to speak up and tell the truth about this bill. First of all, look at who are the proponents, the Nebraska Hospital Association, the Nebraska Medical Association, the Nursing Homes Association and the Department of Health, who I don't blame them for wanting to seize more and more power. This is a bill designed to keep