

again for sure makes some sense. So I will support the Marsh amendment and think it is a worthy addition to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Rarely do I rise not to support Senator Marsh's amendments or bills. I am not surprised that Senator Wesely will support this amendment inasmuch as our good friend Senator Warner has said that in all the years he has been here he has only seen one bill ever sunsetted, and I guess he has been here longer than anybody. So what it is doing for all intents and purposes I feel would be to really make it a permanent law. The only thing is it would come up every two or three years for us to vote on it again and again. I would like to point out that I know that this bill I have said before is a bill designed to do nothing but put the heel on the neck of women in particular, and someone said, well, the nurses are all for it. I received a letter from them and it said, this letter is to inform you of the liaison group of Nebraska nursing organizations representing nurses from across the state in many specialty nursing areas, specialty nursing areas that are for the bill. Look at the nurses that are for it: Association of Operating Room Nurses, they get a higher pay than the average nurse. Emergency Nurses Association. Gerontological Nurses. Nurses of the American College of Obstetrics. Nurse Anesthetists. All of these people, I mean there is three pages of them, I could go on and on. It is what women who care about women's rights to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps call the queen bee syndrome. In other words, this three pages of nurses that are endorsing 407 have all climbed the ladder of success in the nursing home field and have become specialized. Now that these queen bees have made it, they want to pull the ladder up behind them so nobody else is going to make it. I recognize that Senator Marsh has the best of intentions on her amendment but I say that amendment, the only reason Senator Wesely who has introduced this bill, and I repeat, for Chip Thomas and the Hospital Association, and all the other health care associations, Wesely is agreeing to it because it will do exactly what he wants, set it in cement, make it a perfect law. Right now, Senators, the Pages are passing out to you...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.