

you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendment to LB 171. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails and the time is expired for the debate on LB 171. We go to LB 258, 253.

CLERK: Mr. President, 253 was a bill that was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 17, referred to the Public Health Committee, was advanced to General File, Mr. President. And I have no committee amendments although I do have an amendment from Senator Wesely to the bill. Senator Wesely's amendment is on page 966 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, I'll briefly go over the bill and then tell you why we need the amendment. The bill itself is a bill brought to the committee by the Department of Health in conjunction with the nursing home industry in the State of Nebraska. The bill deals with the problem that we've had in the rural areas of the state where nursing homes have had instances where individuals that need a slightly higher level of care have to be shipped out of those homes to a skilled nursing facility when in fact with a very minimal adjustment in their care level they would be able to stay in that rural nursing home. I'll give you an example. Right now intermediate care facilities are basically limited to eight hours of nursing home services or nursing services. Unless an individual needs a shot every 12 hours, that's twice a day 12 hours apart, and that shot has to be administered by a nurse. But the ICF facility only allows for eight hours of nursing services so just because of that small change and it wouldn't be that hard to provide for that small adjustment in care. That person has to be moved out of that nursing home to a skilled facility somewhere else and it is a higher rate of reimbursement as a result of that change and there is disruption to the individual and the nursing homes are really not winners on that situation at all nor are the people in the nursing homes. So the thought is to go from two levels of nursing home ICF care to three. That allows a slightly greater