

flexibility on the ICF facilities and so that we won't have to let these people move when they don't really need to have to do that. That is really the intent of the bill. Now the amendment which I'd ask you to adopt deals with the funding. The A bill has some general fund impact to it. It's not major, but there is some, I think \$9,000. We had several other licensure bills that are similar in what we're trying to do here is loosen up the restrictions a little bit and we adopted to those bills an adjustment in the licensure fee to cover the increased costs that these bills will bring. So this amendment to this bill will increase that licensure fee as it is in those other bills and then that will cover the increased costs that the bill will provide so that the revenues will be generated to cover the cost. That's what the amendment is and I'd ask your adoption of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on this bill?

SENATOR HIGGINS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on Senator Wesely's amendment to LB 253? If not, you're asked to adopt the amendment, or vote on it. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. You are voting on the adoption of a Wesely amendment to LB 253. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLEFK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Now then, is there further discussion on the bill, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I'd just ask for your advancement. Again, we're providing a little more flexibility to the nursing homes so that they don't have to shift patients unnecessarily. It should save money to the state and save a lot of turmoil to the individuals that would otherwise be moved. It is a priority bill of the Speaker and a committee bill that is brought to you on behalf of the Department of Health.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 253? If not, all those in favor of advancing LB 253 from General File vote yes, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk