

helpful to everybody. The hospital industry is very supportive and helpful in trying to work that out. That's probably the major change. Other changes in the bill are in regard to some concerns Senator Higgins had on getting information about the itemized bill and having it more clearly explained. We do provide in the amendment that the hospitals upon request have to clarify what their itemized bill says and how it would be affecting the individual. As you remember this bill is a bill that allows for the utilization of the same billing form so we can make cost comparison between different facilities. It also provides for a request for an estimated cost from a hospital. If you're going in for surgery you can ask for that and get that. It also provides for the 20 most frequent procedures having listed and made public so people can look at hospital charges for their most frequent procedures and know what they are. It is a consumer information bill and is now renamed the Hospital Consumer Information Act. That really summarizes the amendments. I think they are not that major, but they are clarifying in intent and would be very valuable if adopted. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the Wesely amendments? Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the amendments offered by Senator Wesely? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment, is it? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to adopt the Wesely amendment to LB 382. Please record your vote. May we have your cooperation, please? The motion is to adopt Senator Wesely's amendment to LB 382. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment to LB 382, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Wesely amendment is adopted. Next, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, whose bill is it? Senator Hall, do you want to move the bill on.