

committee amendments deal with this issue in terms of narrowing a little bit the scope of 572. We attempt to follow the recommendations of Dr. Wright as Director of Health and what we do is make it clear that the dentist is to be the supervising individual for the dental hygienist under general supervision. Let me quickly describe that. Right now, that is the point of controversy. Can dental hygienists go outside of the setting of a dentist's office and perform different functions that they are qualified to perform without the dentist being right next to them or in the same office? This bill would allow for that. General supervision is what is allowed for but we make it clear in the committee amendments, I hope, and in the intent of the bill that that general supervision is on a case by case basis rather than a general grant of authority and that the dentist will be a bona fide supervisor of the dental hygienist in the way that a physician is sort of the admitting person for an individual at a nursing home or a hospital. There is somebody who is in charge and that is the dentist, but the dental hygienist will carry out the particular functions they are qualified to do. Another thing, we make it clear is that you don't allow for local anesthesia to be administered by a dental hygienist. We do allow for monitoring of nitrous oxide. Once the dentist starts it, the dental hygienist is very qualified to make sure that everything functions according to plan, but as far as actual administration of anesthesia, they would not be allowed to do that. We also allow for the Department of Health to set up rules and regs to deal with the employment or work-setting facilities so that they can regulate and make sure the dental hygienist is qualified to do the job they are doing and is in a setting that is satisfactory and meets a standard. So that is the committee amendments and I would appreciate support for them.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on Senator Wesely's committee amendments? If not, the motion is to adopt the Health and Human Welfare Committee...Human Services Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on a motion to adopt Health and Human Services Committee amendments to LB 572. Please record your vote. May we have the cooperation of the members, please, on the issue before us. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the