

medical community, the respiratory therapists, the hospitals, the different interest groups, and have come up with the committee amendments to try and codify the licensure procedure within licensure law. So, essentially, everybody is agreed on licensure. The only question in the committee amendments is how you draft it and so this would codify that licensure provision in the uniform licensing statute.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, you have an amendment to the amendment so would you like to take that up now?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely's amendment... (Wesely amendment appears on pages 990-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, okay, this is a technical amendment. When we put this draft out, the agency, the Department of Health, we had some dates that needed to be changed so this would correct the dates that are in the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator Haberman, you didn't wish to talk to the Wesely amendment to the amendment, did you? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, my question, I have a question of Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you respond please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, can you tell me why the Nebraska Nurses Association were opposed to this legislation?

SENATOR WESELY: At the time they were and we have worked with them. As I understand, they are not opposed any longer. There was some concerns, I think Senator Withem is going to address those in an amendment from the nurses dealing with the respiratory therapists perhaps getting involved in things nurses are involved in. That is not the intent and so with the Withem amendment, I think they are taken care of.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I do have just a little personal feeling on this bill. Thank you.