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SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Wesely amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the committee amendments. Oh, you have another amendment. All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments. (Withem amendment appears on pages 991-92 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment is an amendment that clarifies some of the concerns that the nurses brought to me. There is a line on page 14, line 5 which states...that deals with the administration of drugs. It states that a respiratory therapist would be allowed to administer drugs. The nurses had a concern that that was too broad. The intent of the bill all along was that they would be administering aerosol and inhalant medications. They had no desire to give shots, to prescribe other sorts of medicine. The respiratory therapists have no problem with stating that they have the ability to handle the administration of aerosol and inhalant medications to the cardiorespiratory system and I am inserting that language on page 14, line 5. Basically, that is what the amendment, the major portion of the amendment, that is what that does. It strikes the language that says they can administer drugs in general and more specifically states what kind of medication they can administer. No one seems to have any problems with this amendment so I will offer it at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the committee amendments