

big one so I encourage each of you to listen carefully. The bill as it is now provides for certification of athletic trainers. What certification does is aid the public by setting specific education and testing requirements for those persons calling themselves athletic trainers. Certification does not prevent anyone from doing these things that athletic trainers do. Such people merely cannot call themselves athletic trainers. The changes offered by Senator Wesely and myself provide for licensing of athletic trainers and states that, unless a person is licensed, he or she cannot apply certain treatments including ultrasound or electrical stimulation. It is these types of modalities, as they are called, whose misuse constitute the greatest danger to the public according to Dr. Wright's report pursuant to the LB 407 process. What most of us think as athletic training, that is taping, so forth, would still not be regulated except that individuals doing these things could not call themselves athletic trainers unless they were licensed to perform the more specialized activity. Of course, physicians, physical therapists, chiropractors, osteopathologists would also be allowed to use the modalities, but the amended version of LB 355 would assure that anyone using such devices are trained to do so. If you approve of our amendment, you will be taking an important step in protecting the public. I encourage you to adopt this amendment and advance the bill to Final Reading. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, and thank you, Senator Goll. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Goll got up and read a speech and he said you will be taking an important step to protect the public. Senator Wesely says there are four or five things in the bill that just certain people can properly handle. He doesn't spell them out. So you look at the amendment, 17 pages long, it does a little more than that, I think. The way I understand it, everything in an amendment or bill that is underlined is something that is changed. Is that not correct, Senator Goll? May I ask a question of Senator Goll, please. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of Senator Goll.