

was designed to help I should say, those in the nursing homes. And for that reason, I am going to oppose the amendment simply because I'm thinking of the people in the nursing homes being kicked out, especially those that have no relatives, they have no advocate, they have no one to help them and just being told, you know, in 30 days we have to put you out because we have spent all the money and all the assets that you had and, therefore, you can no longer stay in this nursing home. Where do they go? Who helps them? Maybe they were an only child and their parents are dead. I'm not sure I understand the part about the contract, but I think I would feel more comfortable if I knew that the advocates for those who reside in the nursing homes were taken into consideration on this amendment. Even if the Office on Aging had been there and said, yes, if they had some input. But it looks like the only input has been a compromise between the nursing homes and the introducers of the bill. I just am worried about those people and where they are going to go when their money runs out in the next month or two or three or four, if there is no place for them to go. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Please vote if you care to. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would. Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to, Senator Higgins, if I could have your attention again, let me try and explain one more time...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Will you hold it down so that we may listen to the speaker.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I'd like to try and explain one more time. I know it's been a little confusing and I haven't done the best job in explaining it. Let me do it very quickly and succinctly. We have a bill that protects these people so