

valing with licensure and the fact that others were able to apply the trade of occupational therapy. But that was not, in fact, the case when we passed the occupational therapy certification law a couple of years ago. It was before the 407 process and we didn't delineate terms like we should, and, in fact, if you adopt the Pappas amendment, you will upgrade the occupational therapists from certification to licensure in one very quick move. Now, under the 407 process, the licensure enhancement like that needs to go through the process and I would certainly encourage us not to proceed with the Pappas amendment. But if the occupational therapists, in fact, wish to be licensed, the proper procedure would be to apply, as everybody else does, through the 407 process and go through that consideration. So I would strongly urge you to not support the Pappas amendment, although I understand his concerns in proposing it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the amendment? If not, Senator Pappas, would you care to close?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, all I ask is give the occupational therapists a chance to upgrade themselves in their position in life and give the public a little more protection. And I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the closing. The question is, shall the Pappas amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting on the Pappas amendment to LB 473. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 12 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (The Wesely amendment, AMO518, was printed from the Journal and on file in the Bill Room.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment deals with the problem...I guess there are three changes under this amendment. The first deals with the fact that we have language that doesn't allow you to cheat on a licensure examination, but