

substance, unless such controlled substance was obtained directly from or pursuant to a valid prescription by order of a practitioner as defined in Section 28-401.21. And, Senators, Senator Wesely had some concern about the word, "practitioner", so we used the definition in 28-401 which, if you will read it, says, a practitioner is a physician, a dentist, pharmacist, scientific investigator, pharmacy, hospital, licensed, registered or otherwise. In other words, we have taken the precaution to make sure that anyone with a prescription from a doctor or a hospital would not be in possession of a controlled substance. Also, Senator Chambers had some reservations on page 5, line 21 where we said by the authority if required by federal law, and Senator Chambers suggested that we insert in there, state or federal law, and I think that is a very good improvement to the bill and so I would merely urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, Senator Higgins has very well explained the amendment and I do appreciate her recognition of the concerns I had on definition of practitioner. She has found a very fine definition and I think her language is far improved and I think this amendment makes a lot of sense, so I would certainly support it.

PRESIDENT: The question is the return of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned. Senator Higgins, did you wish to speak further on your motion?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, unless there are questions, I would just urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Higgins' amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Higgins, on the