

examination. Is that...that is currently required also?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: But only under the rules and regulations, and now we're putting it in statute, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR LAMB: Now, I noticed that some people opposed the bill at the hearing. Could you briefly state what the opposition was to the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: I believe that opposition, too bad Senator Hannibal is up in the chair now, but Senator Hannibal opposed it and Nan Gilbert. If I remember right, it dealt with the issue, again, of the ICF/MR administrators. I know Senator Hannibal got involved as Administrative Rules and Regs Chairman. We've been having a struggle with that, and they came in and opposed the bill because we didn't address that issue, now we have.

SENATOR LAMB: Do you think you've satisfied Senator Hannibal on this issue?

SENATOR WESELY: If he knows what we've done, I think he'd be satisfied, but I'm not sure he's informed.

SENATOR LAMB: I see.

SENATOR WESELY: He is nodding, for the record.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR HANNIBAL PRESIDING

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My comments on this particular bill, where we're at today, are essentially about concerns that Senator Lamb expressed. Number one is that the educational requirements to be a licensed nursing home administrator put people in rural Nebraska, especially those that live in areas that are not readily accessible to the community college system, somewhat at risk in meeting the basic