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SPEAKER BARRETT: On the amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, are we on those now or...?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, then I'll just...the committee amendments would have those rules and regulations, and the department did agree to do this. There is no problem and we set a date of, let's see, I think January 1 of this next year that they would complete that review. So another change deals with the need for licensing specialists. We found woefully inadequate the licensing specialists to deal with the licensure of day care homes and the Social Services Department, they agreed that that should occur the next fiscal year, not this fiscal year, that that would be no problem and so the committee amendments do change that date and delay that action. We do provide for in the bill the ability...the specific authority, there is now thought to be a general authority to charge fees for preschool services in school districts. The one gentleman who opposed the bill wanted to delete the reference to nursery schools from that provision and so the committee amendments do delete that part of the bill. One of the major changes in the bill is that right now any licensed day care or child care provider must have a hearing. It's found that many of these licensees don't want a hearing and it does take extra time and expense to do that when they don't really want or need to have a hearing. And so this would make it optional to have the licensee have a hearing if they so desired. I think that's it. So I would move the committee amendments at this time, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendments are adopted. To the bill, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Again, Mr. Speaker, in summary, we do under this bill have rules and regs reviewed. We have specialists next year added to deal with some concerns in the field of child