

a volunteer. Senator Conway and the committee were able to find this compromise to help identify in the petition that the petition circulator happens to be paid and all it is is information for those that are interested or thinking about signing the petition, they would have that information. And I would ask for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Wesely's closing. We will now vote on the advancement of LB 424. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 424. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the motion to advance LB 424.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 424 advances. We will proceed to LB 678.

CLERK: LB 678, Mr. President, was a bill introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23 of last year; at that time, referred to Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Health Committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, with the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, LB 678 is a piece of legislation that attempts to reform the mental health commitment process. It does a number of things to try and improve the system. There was a task force that I formed a couple of years ago that's been working on the issue. A consensus has been reached in general with the elements of the bill. The one area that we haven't had a consensus yet among the different interested parties is the question of how...what the level is by which we take the step of commitment and we're still working on that and that standard, because it is not yet...our consensus is deleted by the committee amendments, that particular provision. And I can go into some detail about it but that's one element of the committee amendments. The other one is just a term change from outpatient treatment to commitment to outpatient treatment and is a terminology change. Back to the committee amendment substance though, and that's the question of commitment standard and a summary of the bill that I sent out. I talk about the current status of being a danger to yourself or others is what we have and it's a little more