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SENATOR DeCAMP: The legislative resolution has no binding, legal force or effect. Is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: A rule would have binding effect and have some meaning.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Why are we wasting our time on something that has no meaning when there is an option and an alternative which is a rule change should you so desire?

SENATOR WESELY: Well just like in licensing there are a number of alternatives that you can take to this question. I could have introduced a rule change. I could have introduced a bill. Other states have done that. Or I could have introduced a resolution. The resolution is the least cumbersome and the least restrictive of the alternatives and I decided that that may be sufficient. Now if I can't get support to take this small step, then I may come back in with a much more detailed, more strict step to take but I don't think I need that. I think the resolution will suffice to take care of the problem I have seen.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, I see no other persons wish to speak, you may close on the resolution.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. A number of questions have been asked. They have been fair questions. The resolution approach was taken just because we have seen a number of other states which have adopted a very similar resolution. As a matter of fact, if you look at page 2 of the handout that I have given, it does go into some detail what other states have done in this area, and the resolution step is one which has been adopted in other states, has been effective, has dealt with the problem. It is nonbinding and it isn't an insult to anybody presently working on licensure nor to this body, but instead it is an assistance that can be provided to help us in dealing with licensing questions. It is something that I think we need to do in this Legislature. It will provide for you a set of questions you can be asking yourself when a group comes to you to asked to be licensed, when a bill comes before your committee to establish licensing for a group. It is an aid that I think will be of value to the Legislature, and