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LB 487

is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill, Request #2455.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, this is the final of the amendments of clarifying that continuum care I was talking about. I think I might want to describe that a little more clearly. We have different stages of supervised homes and facilities in this state for disabled individuals, people that have some sort of mental illness or other disability. And what we have, we start first at the bottom would be what we call "boarding homes". I think that they would probably be the least supervised. Mostly they are just boarding homes, someplace for people to stay. Then the next step with that last amendment we have "domiciliary care" where on occasion you have to help somebody take some medicine or just kind of look out for them every once in awhile. Then you have the next stage would be what would be called "residential care facilities" and that would be a little more supervision and then it continues on upward. So we are dealing with the bottom rung of the ladder, essentially, in terms of supervised care facility, and originally we thought we really didn't need to regulate the boarding homes. We felt that perhaps they didn't do that much and so we didn't need to get involved. However, the boarding homes themselves wanted to be regulated. They thought that was important. The Welfare Department wanted to have them regulated. They thought that was important. The Health Department didn't particularly think it was necessary but they told us they could live with it, I suppose, and, essentially, what we are doing is reinserting in the bill what was already being done in terms of boarding home regulation and that would be what the amendment does. These boarding homes would only be regulated in terms of facility standards. They wouldn't be in terms of care standards and that would be the difference and that is the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Seeing no further discussion on the matter, Senator Wesely, that again is your opening and closing. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 487. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.