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his amendments. I will talk further on the amendments in a moment as soon as some more handouts are provided so you can look at those.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Wesely would yield to a couple questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, will you respond?

SENATOR CULLAN: I have just received the handout which you indicated and I am not sure that I know from your narrative about the committee process whether I understand what your amendment is. I wonder if you could tell me which parts of the...what are the numbered amendments in your memorandum that are included in this amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, the subject areas from the issue memorandum which has been passed out would be number 5, number 12, number 9 and number 6, and those deal with a number of different subjects. What we are trying to do in each of those cases is to come closer to meeting federal standards. What we did, Senator Cullan, was to look at the federal standards and try and find some amendments to the bill that would be more in line with those standards. We did leave out one item which you have mentioned before concerning the health plan, and we didn't put that back in, I don't believe, and what we are trying to do is just identify some key subject areas that we didn't feel met federal standards and tried to identify those for you.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Wesely, I would appreciate it if you would take my time, if you need some additional time, to run through those items so that the Legislature has some concept of what specifically you are trying to amend. It is difficult for me to respond if I have no idea as to what your amendment is. I would appreciate your taking some of my time and reviewing those, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Cullan. Now you know how I felt last week when you presented your amendments. Let me just read a summary of the amendments and perhaps use that as a guideline. As written, LB 378 does not require acquisition of clinical equipment unless the equipment costs more than \$600,000. The capital expenditure is minimum. Due to an oversight, the clinical equipment minimal of \$400,000 would not apply to health care facilities unless they would be placed in a physician's office or HMO