

process clashing with the regulatory process for licensure. Now that just doesn't make sense and I wish Senator Wesely had mentioned that that was a part of his amendments as well. But that is one reason that I cannot support his package of amendments although there may be some things that I will be able to work out with him on Select File with respect to other parts of his amendments. Generally, again I urge you to reject Senator Wesely's amendments and I will try and sit down with him and work out a couple of them which I do find philosophically okay.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, do you wish to close? No closing.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Clark and members of the Legislature, I know you are getting weary once again of these amendments and you would like to move on with the bill, but what Senator Cullan tells you, I know he is discouraged that I have raised more issues than just five simple ones, but this bill has so many problems with it. I tried to reduce as I promised to five amendments what I thought were the key subject areas that you needed to be aware of. Now it is true that I combined within those amendments some elements that I thought particularly needed to be brought out, but we have not divided the questions. I have not asked for a division of these questions and thus you have had to vote only five times on five amendments. So my promise was kept, but I could not in good faith allow this bill to be considered on General File without bringing out some of these key points that I thought were very important, the loopholes that are in this particular amendment that are up, the other elements of the changes that Senator Cullan brought before you. And when you talk about bringing amendments and laying them on your desk and expecting you to react to them, well, I think having a 47 page amendment on your desk an hour ahead of time and being asked to approve that to a bill without a public hearing on the amendments and without a chance for us to react to it, that doesn't seem to be very fair either. And I have tried to limit it to these five amendments. I have tried to explain them as clearly as I can, but the basic line is this, that I wish I wasn't having to do this, that I wish I wasn't having to present these amendments to you on the floor in this manner and I wish I had some more time to discuss this with you. But I don't have that option because Senator Cullan has got me in a corner. He has got all of us in a corner. He has presented the amendments. He has gotten them adopted. The bill is on General File. He is not going to let it get back to committee. He is not going to allow for a hearing, and this is the best I can do under those circumstances. And I could have had 25 amendments,