

and I could have decided to take more than just one morning to go through some of the concerns because these concerns could take weeks to go through because they are significant and this is a very important bill. But I have tried to cut down on those discussions, to try and point out some of the key problems that we have with this bill. Now I think that you probably all are sure of how you are going to vote one way or the other. It is evident that in all the previous votes we have had the same people on both sides and I am in the minority. But we have got some good people down here that have been voting for these amendments to try and maintain the strength of certificate of need. And I have asked for record votes on each of these votes and I will ask for one on this one, to try and point out to the public and hopefully through the press who are the people who are willing to stand up to the lobby out there that is trying so damn hard to keep this bill in the form that it is in, to weaken certificate of need and make it easier for them to get through projects that are going to cost the taxpayers and the ratepayers and all of us a lot more money for health care in the future. And there are some people with a lot of courage here that stood up in the previous amendments and I hope will stand up again on this one. I know this amendment is lost but I hope that people will know that it again points out four or five additional loopholes, each of them to be used in different circumstances to circumvent the process that we have set up, to circumvent the efforts we have undertaken to keep health care costs down and which has worked I think to the benefit of this state and which hurt the providers....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...because they don't want to have to go through this. They want to go their way and they don't want to have to be accountable to anybody despite the fact that we are all paying for those costs, that we are all paying for those charges and we are all paying for those additions that they are putting on us. Now my feeling is this, I would ask you again to try and support if you could this amendment. It tries to point out some different loopholes. You probably are not familiar with all the issues, but take the information back with you and digest it, read it and understand why I am concerned because I think there are some key points here that need to be addressed. I ask your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.