

dundant. The committee felt that elimination of their functions would not harm the applicant or the public. Public hearing on projects should take place at the grass roots level and this committee should not interfere with that process. This is the key point. The proposal I have would have the citizen input at the local level, not at the state level, not at this state review committee, what you would have in each of the three congressional districts, a consumer only review panel that would hear the cases provided and would make recommendations to the Health Department from the local people, not from the state level, and this state advisory committee said that this is the way to go and they recognize that because they were in that situation. Finally, the committee does not have enough members to operate effectively. That is their reasons for wanting to eliminate it in August 1980. For the same reasons I'd ask you to eliminate it at this time. You know, there is a real sham being played on you at this time with Senator Cullan's talk about this review committee being the end all answer to the problem and that sham is the whole question about costs. Total disregard...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: ...total disregard for the costs involved with this project, the fact is, that this is going to cost more money, take more time and have a process that is more cumbersome and the Health Department has indicated to me that this amendment is in line with the standards that we have to follow from the federal government and it is nice that Senator Cullan is concerned about that because there are other elements in this bill that did not follow the federal standards but that doesn't seem to concern him or the health care lobby but in this case, it is in line with the standards we have to follow and is a better process, less expensive and I think it's time we recognize the fact that the Health Department has been placed with the Governor, an idea of a new committee taking over this authority is not wise at this time. Please think through the amendment because I think it is a wise thing to do and would tremendously help the bill, make it much more workable. For those reasons I ask for your support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the motion to return LB 378 for the specific Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I remind you we are on Final Reading so there is no need to have a Call of the House. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 27 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.