

bill is a clean-up bill from the Health Department and it deals with a number of topics. I will go through those when we get to the main part of the bill. The two that I need to discuss in the committee amendments deal with the Nursing Home Advisory Council. Currently, the Nursing Home Advisory Council advised the Department of Health on nursing homes and this bill would add a representative from the Department of Aging, a representative from the Department of Social Services and then an additional lay person to the council. It was felt that that was a good change. The only problem is it also provided that those individuals from the departments could serve beyond two, three-year terms, that is a six-year total that they could serve. And it was felt that everybody else would not be able to serve beyond that, why should these state agency representatives. And so the committee would delete that exception to the term limitation. In addition, there is a Public Water Supply Advisory Council and this council needs to be changed in how it's made up because of the clarification on who is and who isn't a member of this. One of the things that came to us was that the smaller towns in particular want to make sure that there are at least two certified operators of these public water supplies and they would like to have it so that a system with less than 5,000 population, as well as one with more than 5,000 population, be on this advisory council so both the small and the larger town public water systems would be represented. And the committee did adopt that amendment brought to us at the hearing. So I would ask for the adoption of these two committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the committee amendments as explained by Senator Wesely? Anything further, Senator Wesely? Shall the committee amendments be adopted to 344? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment to the bill from Senator Wesely. Senator, I have AM0157 in front of me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, there's...okay, another provision of this