

Senator Wesely, in my humble opinion, that don't need to be opened because some of these things are being handled now. And then on page 5 it said, the home health services shall mean home nursing, physical therapy, so on and so forth, acting under the supervision of a medical professional. What is a medical professional? Is that a doctor, a nurse, a psychiatric doctor? Is it a...what is it? It doesn't say what it is. And then we go back to page 10 for the clincher of the whole thing; and the department may charge and receive fees. Charge and receive fees for what? We're giving them a considerable amount of money here but what are they going to charge and receive fees for? Is there a limit? Is there a criteria? Or just where are we going? It says that they can accept third party reimbursements. Well, what third party reimbursements? Where are we coming from on that issue? So I think that before we advance this to Select File, I, myself, like to have a bill advanced off of General File. However, before we advance this, I think that we should get answers to a lot of questions, not only mine but some other things that are in this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Chairman Wesely, please, followed by Senators Warner, Smith and Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, some legitimate questions have been raised about this legislation but it's really quite simple as to what we're trying to do here. We could have a piece of legislation that crossed every "t" and dotted every "i" and took care of every concern that's been expressed, but then you wouldn't have the one element that we think is very important here, that's local control. We're setting up a system that recognizes that every part of the state has got a different circumstance. Some areas of the state, under these regions, there will be a county or health department, perhaps, in place. We want to work with those people, supplement and complement what they're doing. The local control aspect has got to be there. If you allow this to be too restrictive, as Senator Haberman maybe is suggesting, or some other individuals, you won't be able to have the flexibility to meet the particular needs of the particular areas of the state. Now, there are, in fact, many different services, as Senator Haberman talked about, now in place dealing with these different areas, but not all of them are out there able to help these smaller towns and rural areas, that they're not able to get these types of assistance that you think should be there and they should be there but they're not. And so where they aren't,