

system, it doesn't mandate, particularly, that these individuals be included, but it does mandate that they be dealt with fairly and in a nondiscriminatory fashion. We'll see how the system works, but I think it's a good compromise, a good place that we can move forward on this issue. Right now there aren't very many podiatrists in the state, I think there is something slightly over 30, I think only one of them has hospital privileges. So they've been frustrated by this. This should end their frustration in a positive fashion in cooperation with the hospitals and physicians. So I would very definitely move for the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schellpeper would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is just a technical amendment. It just adds one word "initial" so that it would be before receiving initial recommendation. It's just a technical amendment that just really doesn't affect the bill that much. It's just that we thought it was something that would really put a little bit more clearer term for what the hospitals would have to do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion to the Schellpeper amendment? I have three lights on. You're waiving off? Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Smith, on the...Okay, thank you. Senator Hefner. Thank you. And, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. I'm not aware of this amendment. I'm a little leery. If you don't mind, Senator Schellpeper, can you tell me where this amendment is coming from and exactly what you're amending?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: What it is, it says that whenever they go to a hospital that this would be before the initial recommendation of the hospital board. It's been worked out with the podiatrists and the hospital boards and things. We were going to wait until Select File, and we decided just as well put it on here this afternoon rather than to wait until then.

SENATOR WESELY: Are you trying to get at the situation where