

some individual applies for hospital privileges, they are denied, and this 120 day application would be for that initial review, if they reapply, then they wouldn't be under these provisions? Is that what you're trying to get at?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yeah, kind of that, I guess. Not really exactly, but this is...they wanted the word "initial" in there with the groups again. They thought it would be worked out better if they had that there, because when you make your initial application...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. I just want to have an understanding. The committee amendments were adopted with a consensus, and one word change may not seem like much. But I'll go along with Senator Schellpeper because I trust in his judgment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, it was worked out by all of the parties.

SENATOR WESELY: But, if I hear differently, I may want to see that change but...because of the tenuous situation we're in. But I think it sounds okay and I'll support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the amendment? Senator Schellpeper, anything further? Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schellpeper amendment to the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Back to the amendment. Senator Nelson, any discussion on the amendment, followed by Senator Smith?

SENATOR NELSON: No, I guess that really Senator Schellpeper's bill but, if the amendment becomes the bill, I guess I will take my opportunity now. I am a signer on the bill. And I realize that this was quite a point of contention and so on back in my area several years ago. I believe Senator Wesely said maybe only one podiatrist had medical staff members (sic). I have quite a few more, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk. And I know what we're talking about is more the Omaha area and Papillion. But we do have an aging population and podiatrists perform a very good service,