

into the area of competition between hospitals and how are we going to deal with that? My opposition to the amendment is one that if we put it at 50,000 or 500,000 or a million, whatever we put it at, any of those numbers are going to be totally irrelevant if we add the list. So I am just going to oppose the amendment because that amendment is going to be part of a total amendment that I am in opposition to and that if we adopt his total amendment with those numbers in, those numbers don't mean anything at that point. So I see no reason to change the 50,000 to \$500,000 because if we add the list, we've made that meaningless. With that, I would just urge the body to reject Senator Wesely's amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Stanton, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I also rise in opposition to the Wesely amendment. 429 was a compromise that was worked out with the medical people, the hospitals, the nursing homes. The only one that is not happy with the compromise is Senator Wesely and I think that this is a very fair compromise and I would urge that the body not accept this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take a moment before recognizing Senator Wesely to announce two guests under the south balcony, Mr. Orville Jurgena and Mr. Devore Silvey, observers of the National Weather Service. Would you gentlemen please stand. Also in the north balcony we have a number of other federal executives visiting with us today. Would you ladies and gentlemen please stand and take a bow. Thank you. Thank you for visiting. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I think people have misinterpreted again what the amendment does. We're trying to take the current status of this amendment which is at \$50,000 and I'm trying to be compromising and raise it to \$500,000. Those of you who support the bill, I can understand, you don't want to make any amendment that I offer any more reasonable so people will be more inclined to vote for it, so I guess I can see why you'd oppose it. But I am in good faith trying to recognize and attempt to be reasonable on the thresholds, but we're already going right now at zero as a current threshold. That is any new service, any capital expenditure for any new