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bill does is leave things exactly as they are. Except for the committee amendment which extended the appeal process or make uniform the appeal process from 20 to 30 days, the law is basically just as it is. The law doesn't change...this particular bill doesn't change anything. It leaves things as they are. I urge the advancement of LB 352, and I would be happy to answer any questions about it.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 352.

PRESIDENT: LB 352 is advanced. LB 355, please.

CLERK: LB 355 was introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments. I also have amendments to the committee amendments. Senator, I have a note on the first, AM1143. You want to withdraw that amendment, Senator?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the committee amendments. I have AM1440 in front of me, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I want to begin by thanking Speaker Barrett by special ordering this bill. This bill is a piece of legislation that has been before the body last year and again this year and it deals with a semicrisis that we're facing in the area of licensure of a number of different facilities in the state that utilize what are called medication assistants to disperse medications to their residents in their facilities. I will backtrack and go over the whole issue, I think, briefly and then get to the amendments that we need to adopt and then move forward with the bill as quickly as I can. The basic issue is that several years ago a bill was passed to deal with a problem that was identified