

the bill. So that we can lower it down to nine hours for this medication and still feel that we have an equivalency here. So for that...for purposes of constitutionality we think we have a clear and concise and arguable distinction being made under the committee amendments. With that, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments. I'd be happy to answer questions and try and clarify further, but at this time, I think we do need the committee amendments and they do lower for CDDs the hours from 21 to nine hours that we would require for training. So, Mr. President, if you don't mind, we need to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please. Senator Crosby, please. All right. Okay, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: They are adopted. Before you start on the bill, Senator Wesely, may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Wehrbein. In the north balcony, we have 15 first through seventh graders from Nebraska City with their teacher, District 37 in Otoe County. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak about the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Real briefly, Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: You didn't have any other amendments, did you, Mr. Clerk? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. Real briefly, again we have lowered under the committee amendments to nine hours from 21 hours. The nurses would like to have it at 40 hours. We have an Attorney General that is telling us there are only certain options we can take, and we have taken every one we can at this point. The Health Department is, likewise, telling us that this is what we have to do. Our back is against the wall, essentially, with the potential of a lot of legal action that we don't want to see happen during the interim. So we are going to follow the advice of the Attorney General and the Health Department, we are going to proceed with this bill. We are going to hope that there is the cooperation that has been