

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Moore, please, on the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, though I may to some degree disagree with the Chair's ruling, I don't think the proper way to get around that ruling and get to the issue is to overrule the Chair, and so for that reason I would simply ask the Legislature allow Senator Lamb and I to suspend the rules so we can deal with this amendment. And I will mention once again that the reason we're dealing with LB 688 is the bill in its pristine form dealt with this issue, and as Senator Lamb mentioned, the bill has been altered to the point where it has little resemblance to its original form, but nevertheless, even in the bill as amended there is some reference to the area of law that we're trying to deal with. So, you know, at this point in time I guess I won't talk about the merits of the bill. I would simply ask the body to allow us to consider the amendment, to suspend the rules and then we can get back to the merits of the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you. Senator Wesely, please, on the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would strongly oppose suspending the rules as I would strongly oppose the amendment. LB 688 is a bill that is very important to a large number of people in this state dealing with the licensure of a certain personnel that work not, primarily in mental retardation homes and elsewhere, but these individuals currently, there are lawsuits pending in this area. Senator Lindsay has picked this as his priority bill. We need to pass this legislation and pass it soon to deal with a very important problem. We have worked out this problem as best we can. There are still objections coming evidently from the nurses of the state, but I think their objections are pretty well dealt with and we jeopardize that legislation by moving forward with this amendment because I, frankly, and I think others, will have to strenuously object to, fight and try to block any legislation that would be amended in the fashion that Senator Moore and Senator Lamb would have you do. Senator Lamb and Senator Moore are trying to take from four or more children in a home in order to be licensed to six or more children. We have already in this state gone from three or more to four or more. That is previous legislation that was passed a few years ago. Now we would take it even farther away from where we need to be going in terms of