

from civil liability in the performance of such services for their communities. It was then referred to the 407 process during last summer and it was determined that such an act was desirable. In an earlier amendment, the fiscal note showed a need of approximately 59,000 a year to administer this act because the Department of Health thought there needed to be a renewed certificate every three years and continuing education. This is not what the first responders wanted, that part of it. I met last week with them, as I stated earlier, the Department of Health, and I got back to the first responders and they said, well, we're glad you got back to us and we don't want that. So Friday I had these amendments that I got before you, this amendment, determined that since the first responders are getting necessary training and continuing education now, that they felt it would eliminate the need for all this renewal of continuing education requirements because they do it on their own now. And so I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, Senator Peterson, I think the better course at this time would be to take up a motion that Senator Beyer placed up there to...and lay over this bill. Your amendment deals with an important problem but it is not the amendment that the Health and Human Services Committee adopted out of the 407 review and, as a result, we simply have not had time to review it. I think we can resolve the differences between what you would like and what the bill that came out of committee appears to be. But we can't do it on the floor and we can't in the next few minutes figure out where we're at on it. So I would really ask you to consider taking a couple of days to work with us on it and we'll figure a way out of this. I'm not asking you to respond, I'm just saying that I'd ask that he withdraw the amendment, if he would, please, and let us deal with it in another fashion than trying to fight it out on the floor.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Wesely, please. Were you...you weren't requesting a response? Okay. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I would like to ask Senator Peterson some questions. How does your amendment differ from what we discussed in the Health