

legislation that has recently been passed. Part of that federal legislation and this bill call for greater confidentiality of records from the Department of Aging. We have one exception we want to make through these committee amendments and that is for the Adult Protective Services Act so that we can access that information when we are investigating elderly abuse cases, so that would be the committee amendment to preserve the opportunity to access information from the Department of Aging for that purpose. In addition, there are some minor wording changes that really have no substantive change. With that, I'd move for the adoption of these committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing no lights, Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on the adoption? Senator Wesely waives closing on adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, record.

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

SENATOR WARNER: Motion is carried, the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Smith, what do you wish to do with the bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to give you a deal. This is going to be an easy one. This is bill is a relatively minor piece of legislation in that it does not have an A bill attached to it. It does two things. Basically, it does a bunch of technical revisions and updating of the statute and so on regarding the CASA Act, the Community Aging Services Act, relating to aging services. And then the other thing that it does is update it so that it places it in compliance with the Older Americans Act, authorization and the latest changes at the federal level. Basically, that is the two things that it does. And then I've been asked, for the record, to make it clear on the floor that on page 24 there was a little concern about whether or not the reference could have brought in the nursing homes. It does not. That is not the intent. It deals only with the aging network for the Department on Aging and the area agency network when we talk about the monitoring evaluation and compliance with rules and regulations, et cetera. So I want to make clear that, in the record, that this only impacts on the aging network, the Department on Aging and the area agencies. And those are the two things that the bill does.