

body. LB 419 is a bill introduced by myself and Senator Schellpeper and deals with terminology used to describe nursing assistants. The bill originally called for providing the term "certified nursing assistant" to those individuals that had completed 75 hours of training and passed the test required to meet the legal statutes. But the terminology of "certified" was objected to. As you see in the committee statement by the Health Department opposed the bill because we have a certain terminology now in licensure with licensed, registered, and certified meaning certain types of level of licensure. And it was felt that this particular category did not fit with that overall, broad term of certified, so the committee changed the term "certified" to "qualified" and that is what the committee does. Instead of calling these individuals certified nursing assistants, they would be called qualified nursing assistants. So with that, I would move for the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I have a question, Madam President. Members of the body, I have a question for Senator Wesely. Would this group of people be between a nurse's aide and an LPN then? Is that where they would be in the pecking order?

SENATOR WESELY: I think that's probably accurate. They have to have 75 hours of training and then pass a test. So, yeah, they'd be an assistant in the nursing home. They'd only be in a nursing home situation.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, okay. But they would not be an LPN.

SENATOR WESELY: No, oh, no, uh-huh.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes. Madam President, I think maybe I can answer that, Senator Robinson. My wife is a nurse's aide, and she went to this 75 hours, so she'd be able to be called a certified now. But it...you are not an LPN, you're just a certified nurse's aide is what you are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to debate the