

corporation, or health care corporation. Would also clarify that if an individual wasn't able to perform community service through no fault of their own, for whatever reason they're unable to carry out the community service function, they would not be held against and denied general assistance, so that there would be no punishment for the fact that they could not perform community service, for whatever reason, other than their own lack of initiative. So, with that, I would ask for adoption of the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Does anyone wish to speak on the committee amendments? Seeing none, we will vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUDD: Madam President, members of the body, current law allows counties to establish vocational rehabilitation or job training programs in exchange for county general assistance. LB 227 would permit counties to establish a county community service program with those individuals currently receiving county general assistance. A county would set up a county service program selected from public, private nonprofit, or health care organizations. The number of hours an individual would be required to work would be limited to not more than 8 hours in one day, nor more than 16 hours in one week. In addition, no person who is a single parent and has legal custody of their...his or her child, and the child is under the age of 6 years of age, shall be required to perform community service. Finally, no individual shall be required to participate in community service programs, unless they've first been given the opportunity to participate in the current programs of vocational rehabilitation, or job training. In addition, as provided for by the committee amendments, if an individual cannot be permitted...cannot participate, because of no fault of their own, that individual shall continue to receive general assistance welfare. The individuals that are receiving general assistance at the current time are those individuals that...most c them are male, most of them are between the ages of 25 to 40,