

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. Senator, I have AM916, the membership will find it in your bill books, AM916.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Baack. I apologize, but these are all technical, cleanup amendments that have to be dealt with dealing with the Health Department. And this one deals with the statutes under the Health Department in terms of home health care. If you are interested, this is LB 386, as amended by the committee. LB 386 was introduced because there are federal Medicare-Medicaid standards being required in home health care dealing with training and other matters. And we also found, in looking at this, that the statutes needed to be revised to better deal with the way the current home health aides are operating. So a great deal of time and effort again went into this in terms of the amendments by the committee and by the drafting of the bill. The different entities involved are the Nebraska Health Care Association, the Nebraska Home and Community Health Agencies, those are the home health care entities involved, and some other health care entities, as well as the Health Department, in the drafting of this. I could go through some of the details involved here. But I think the point that we're trying to make is we're taking the different statutes, that we've had some difficulty in lack of clarity, and clarifying those, setting the standards we need to, to comply with the federal Medicaid and Medicare rules. And, again, we need to have this adopted. So I'd move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on the amendment by Senator Wesely? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely, does...it's kind of hard to keep track here. Does the committee amendments impact the fiscal note? It's minor now, I'm just wondering if it changes anything significantly.

SENATOR WESELY: The fiscal note would be 45,000 in Cash Funds, and I don't know what the...it would be slightly higher, I guess.

SENATOR WARNER: The original fiscal note indicated General