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LB 456

Senator Wesely.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Lynch. I had an amendment that was filed, AM1766, page 2108 of the Journal.

SENATOR CONWAY: I don't see Senator Lynch. Is someone able to handle that? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: The first amendment that was filed in the Journal needs to be withdrawn and the follow-up amendment from Senator Lynch and myself needs to be substituted for it, or just withdraw the first and go to the second.

SENATOR CONWAY: Okay, it is withdrawn. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, are we on Amendment 1908? (The Wesely-Lynch amendment appears on pages 2206-07 of the Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Yes, sir, we are.

SENATOR WESELY: All right. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lynch and I have been working on amendments to LB 456 and this is the amendments we...previously there were some amendments in the Journal and these...those amendments are capped and a couple more added in this amendment that he and I have co-signed. Senator Lynch had to leave and has asked me to carry the amendment for him. Senator Lynch had a number of concerns about 456, if you remember, is a discipline bill for health professionals dealing with general discipline but also specifically dealing with how you treat drug and alcohol addicted health professionals and had a number of concerns he brought to me. We discussed the ideas that he had and we agreed on these amendments and then I also am intending to further look at some of the ideas he had in an interim study over the course of this year. But let me run through what this amendment does. First off, again, the subject matter is health care providers and discipline against them. The first part of the amendment allows a complainant who says that a health provider has violated some action, is in need of some discipline, this complainant can have his or her name kept from being released to the Board of Examiners who eventually get involved in this process. There was a situation where an individual who brought a complaint knew an individual on the Board of Examiners and it