

to raise it. I'm going to vote for the amendment, but I hope that it...there'll be some follow-up to make sure that it is nothing more than allowing for practices that have taken place to date to continue and that it doesn't become something that expands to any greater degree. With that I would urge adoption of the Wesely amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to maybe address some of the concerns that Senator Hall had. This did go through the 207...or 407 process. I'm sure that someone has already suggested that. There is no difficulty with the medical profession, and I think you know that if there were we would know about it. They are...they've signed off on this legislation and they've got no difficulty with it. So these people are competent and capable, and the doctors aren't going to turn them loose unless they are. So let's support the amendment and let...there just can't be anything all that wrong with it. I think you're talking about a difficulty that doesn't exist. So I would urge the support of the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I would echo the thoughts, Mr. Speaker, of Senator Wesely and Senator Dierks that this has been reviewed very carefully. It is...it is not anything that will create a danger to any of the citizenry of the State of Nebraska, but in effect will increase the ability to offer quality health care, particularly in rural Nebraska. And I would...I would urge your adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Madam President, I appreciate Senator Hall's concern. It was exactly on point and appropriate, and that's exactly what the review process went through and addressed, and they did consider should we register these individuals. That's what the original bill did, but at this