

crowded conditions. They have to draw curtains between the patients while certain things are done, it's a very unpleasant situation. Even though we were, as a committee, very impressed with the quality of the staff, the care that they are able to give suffers in spite of their great concern.

SENATOR WESELY: I appreciate that explanation, Senator Wehrbein. If we're not adding beds, that's my main concern because I think we have an over-bedding problem with nursing homes right now in the state. But I also want to make sure to...for your information and those who will be following up on this, is to look at the Lancaster Manor plan because it's exactly the same situation, they had multiple stories and extreme expense and costliness and went to a one-level nursing home that reduced costs amazingly, and Medicaid reimbursement went down as a result of building a new facility. So I think there's some real potential here for cost savings if, in fact, it is pursued in the proper fashion. So thank you for your information. I would like to see the study that was done on this project so I could have a chance to look at it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Any further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 391? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, would you like to close?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think I will waive closing. I think we've had a good discussion, Senator Crosby, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 391. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein, we are ready on the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'd just move advancement, if there's no more discussion. I have nothing more to introduce at this point.