

of their scope of practice. We get down to what supervision shall mean. Supervision shall mean the ready availability of the collaborating physician for consultation and direction of the activities of the advanced registered nurse practitioner within the advanced registered nurse practitioner's defined scope of practice. The definition of supervision Senator Wesely and I are offering this amendment as this is language that the medical community will feel comfortable with. We are then going to follow up with an amendment to this amendment that will give you the opportunity to strike the words "direction of" and insert the term "advice" and I forget what the pronoun is there. But we'll offer that amendment here in just a second. With that, I'd give the remainder of the time after having given kind of a dry, technical recitation of what is in the amendment, yield the rest of the time to Senator Wesely if he'd like to make any comments on this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely, you have five and a half minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. This is a significant amendment and it is the best attempt Senator Withem and I could make in working with both nurses and physicians to try and reach as common a ground as possible. And I think what you have here is, I don't know that you'd call it an agreed to amendment because I know that a couple of words in this amendment are not satisfactory or acceptable to the nurses in this state; but the amendment does have, with that exception, I think, generally an endorsement from both physicians and nurses. What we've tried to do, frankly, this is a backing off a position for the nurses. This is going from originally, as I said, they proposed an independent practice. That was shot down and two out of the three proposals... recommendations from the 407 review, backed off of that into the bill that came in where we talked about this cooperative agreement that was established at first very loosely with physicians, then with the committee amendments we just adopted, more specifically with the physicians and now we're talking about a further backing off of that independence by nurses to what would be called an integrated practice agreement. And this is a recognition of the greatest concern expressed by physicians that they don't want to see nurses outside of the practices that they have. They want to see nurses continue to be part of the team so to speak, so they want to indicate and wording is important here that this is