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nurses to stand on their own two feet in these cases of advanced practice nurses and allow them to provide primary care. Obviously there was objection to that from the physicians who did not like the idea of losing the oversight...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...of nurses, and the issue has been fought through the process over the last three years. Now as Senator Withem said, the physicians have been cooperating and particularly of late have come around to a position that I think they acknowledge that the status quo is an unacceptable situation, that the status quo allows trained medical providers who are ready to serve Nebraska but are unable to and that status quo must be changed. The question is how far do you go? The original proposal, the original bill went much farther than this. This is, with the committee amendments, backing off of that and now with this amendment backing off further. Still, again, the point is that hopefully we will have made enough changes in a positive sense because of the by-pass provisions of the bill and because of some other changes that we've included in this amendment so that we will now be able to see more advanced practice nurses able to serve in the state of Nebraska. The amendment from Senator Withem I think is a good faith effort to try...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and acknowledge physicians' concerns without totally losing the intent of the original bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Schmitt would like to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature. Adam Naber is here from Kearney. He is under the south balcony. Adam, will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem and Wesely would move to amend with AM2751. (See page 322 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem to open on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Am I on to go ahead and...