

practitioner." The...what Senator Wesely and I are proposing you do is you strike the word "direction of" and insert the words, "Supervision shall mean the ready availability of the collaborating physician for consultation and advice on the activities of the advanced registered nurse practitioner." Proposing this because the advanced registered nurse practitioners are in fact, particularly to become certified they have to have training far beyond the minimum that you may have been led to believe is the case from some of the correspondence of physicians in the state. They have to have had a great deal of training. They are independent practitioners. They are professionals. And the concept of working under the direction of is in some ways repugnant to those individuals and the term "advice on" is a preferable approach. With that, I would urge the adoption of this amendment and, Senator Wesely, I won't force you to take time; but if you have anything to say on this, I would yield time to you.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely, you have six minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, this is the actual fight that remains on this issue. The other elements I guess you could say there have been concessions on both sides. The doctors have given up some positions, the nurses have definitely given up some positions. What remains are these two words and it is this amendment on which the whole battle is to be fought on this issue which is much better than I thought it would be when we first started these discussions. We seemed to be so far apart, polarized, and at odds. And I've been very pleased that over the course of the last week in particular we have made a lot of advancement in trying to get down to what it really was was a difference of opinion. But the question of whether nurse practitioners serve under the direction or with the advice of physicians is the whole question before us. There are different levels always in any licensure process. Supervision is obviously the highest level where the doctor has direct or whatever the health practitioner may be. There are other situations where they oversee and supervise. But in any event, supervision and direction, that's where you have directly basically control over the individual. You get down into consultation and collaboration and some of the words that we've used in the amendment and tried to describe and you have a