

SENATOR WESELY: Right, no...

SENATOR CROSBY: There's no...nothing like that is going to come along.

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR CROSBY: All right, I just wanted to be sure of that. Since I have such a short time left, I will just stop there and then I'll have some more questions later. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I want to reiterate some of the points very briefly and then we can go to some other questions. But the thing to keep in mind and I know it's a little...I know it's not just a little confusing, any scope of practice, any medical field issues these turf fights between medical professions are the most difficult of the many issues we face in this Legislature. We all know it, that's why we set up ten years ago that 407 review process. And sometimes it works and everything gets resolved nicely and a lot of times it doesn't because you have essential conflicts and differences of opinion. Here we have a situation where the physicians have had a relationship where they were supervising and directing nurses, and they want to maintain that relationship. They feel nurses, even if they're advanced practice nurses with their additional training, are not capable of taking on the additional responsibilities of diagnosis. They see the physician as being the one who can take and look at an individual and diagnose the problem and prescribe what action to take and they feel nurses are there to step in and can do an excellent job of treating what has been diagnosed as the problem. The nurses are saying we think that we have, with this additional training, the capability of diagnosing as well as treating primary care ailments. Now we're not talking about every ailment that somebody comes into the doctor's office with. This is some of the headaches, flus, colds, and some things like that that nurses I think are quite capable of taking that responsibility. And the key is that they've got to know that there's a limit to their training and their authority, their scope of practice is defined. And when they bump up against doubt and concern, we have in the statute they will consult, they will refer, and they will collaborate. That's all part of this bill. The wording