

words perhaps, but we've really come a long way from where we were at one point. Nurses have come in, doctors have come in, both are to be credited for that. But now I think the balance shifts too much without this amendment toward the physician viewpoint and away from what I think is a legitimate view that the nurses are capable of greater things than they've been able to do in the past and what they would be able to do under this bill in terms of providing primary care to our citizens and our state. So I rise in support of the Withem amendment and urge your support as well. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr Speaker and members of the Legislature, Mr. President, what Senator Wesely was doing in football is not known as balancing, it's known as bobbling. And if you're going out of bounds while you're doing that, even if you get control of the ball once out of bounds, it's incomplete. So the bobbling may be occurring with this amendment and I have some observations to make to show you why I say that. And I don't have a side on this bill yet. If you look at page 1, there is a definition of consultation which means a process whereby an advanced registered nurse practitioner seeks the advice or opinion of a physician or health care practitioner. Then you come to where Senator Wesely and Senator Withem want to amend the language on page 4 in line 24 by changing the words "direction of" to "advice on" and you wind up with this in line 24, collaborating physician for consultant, for consultation and direction...oh, and advice on. So if you look at the meaning of consultation and you put that definition in, it says, "Supervision shall mean the ready availability of the collaborating physician for advice or opinion and direction," I meant "and advice on." In other words, all they're doing is taking the definition of consultation which means advice or an opinion and substituting that for the word "direction." So they have used the definition of consultation twice. Instead of talking about direction, all you're talking about is advice. The nurse practitioner is the ultimate caregiver. If you seek the doctor's advice and that's all you're required to do, the nurse practitioner, if he is rough and tumble, says go to hell or if she is cultivated and cultured says, I'm not going to do what you tell me to do. It amounts to the same thing. The doctor can have this advice or opinion based on medical knowledge, experience, and all the other things, the nurse