

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wesely, you have a little over a minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Just very briefly. Again, I appreciate Senator Withem's work on this and, and both groups, both the physicians and the nurses, I think, have been very much working to try and reach a common ground. And, again, we're down to these two words. The question you have to answer adequately is if voting for this amendment, will you open up potential problems, medical problems for the people in your district, for the people of the state. And, again, I come back to, I do not think you will have problems. There are now a hundred and some nurse practitioners, they've been around in our state for about eleven years since Senator Withem said we passed the original bill. As far as I know, there's been no malpractice suits against any of those individuals at any time. There are 32,000 nurse practitioners across the country. Their malpractice rate is .1 percent. They are not going to be individuals that go out there and harm their patients, they're going to, I think, have the competence, training, and background and will treat their patients well, working in cooperation with doctors. I think we'll improve medical care in terms of access to it in our rural areas, and I think the quality of care will not be diminished and we will not see harm result from it. I ask your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Withem-Wesely amendment to the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, when the votes go up like this it's obvious we're going to need a call of the house and a roll call vote, so I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR WILL: There's been a request for a call of the house. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR WILL: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Chambers, Senator Preister, Avery, Senator Schimek, please