

You're not precluded from leaving the barn. Under current statutes that's what can happen to you. You've got to have those personnel on for those certified levels or you can't offer any service at all, which doesn't seem to me to make any sense. You ought to be able to offer services at least below your certification if you have the appropriate personnel on board, and that's what this does. Now that provision is already in place for the paramedic services. We're simply extending it to the Intermediate Services and to the D services.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question before the body now is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to the Schellpeper amendment. There were three lights on prior to the introduction of the amendment. Senator Robinson, Senator Bernard-Stevens and Pirsch, do you want to address the Wickersham amendment? Senator Bernard-Stevens does. Senator Robinson, yours is the first light on.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I wanted to address the other amendment, but I still...I have a question. Would this pertain to the emergency services that fire departments offer?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think you're asking about volunteer services?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You can...there are certainly volunteer services that are the D programs and also the I programs. But it affects them whether they're paid or volunteer.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You're saying that there will be more...with your amendment there would be more flexibility, is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: That would be a good way of saying it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: They'll be able to offer services up to a level, if they have the personnel to offer it. If they have