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amendment. Senator Warner. Senator Hillman, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Just only that I rise in support of the Schimek amendment realizing that hospice care is a special kind of care and has some very definite criteria as to who they deal with and how they deal with; and to have that hospice, I think, name protected and the kind of service that they provide, which is unique, very needed, very helpful for terminally ill patients, that it would be important that the hospice program be licensed. And I would support the advancement of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Wesely, I just wanted...I am for this amendment and I was for the original bill and so on, but there has always been one thing I never have made clear to me. Because as Tabitha, here in Lincoln, was the first hospice program in Lincoln, that they just operated under their own license. Now why are we, I guess I just want to be sure that we aren't adding something to...adding any kind of burden to the people who are already operating a hospice.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Crosby, in fact, those groups are the ones that asked for this.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah, I understand that.

SENATOR WESELY: And, no, I don't think...there will be the fee charge to get the license, a 100 to 250 dollars.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah.

SENATOR WESELY: But otherwise I don't know that there's any...

SENATOR CROSBY: But most of them are operated through some other facility. I don't think they're independent hospices.

SENATOR WESELY: Most of them...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Tha...

SENATOR CROSBY: Most of them what?