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limited to the community-based programs for which essentially there is an equivalent that is residential in nature so that we don't have an arbitrary distinction between residential and community based. And I would ask for the adoption of AM2856.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Those wishing to speak, Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the Synowiecki amendment for Senator Byars' addition of the language. When the bill was first up, I, too, with the Revenue Committee had made the commitment not to change the revenue bill. I do agree with it and I told Senator Byars that I would be fully in support of this; could it be put onto another bill, because I had made the commitment not to alter the revenue bill. This is revenue neutral. It does define better what is already being done in the definition of mentally retarded facilities that had been crafted two years ago that was intended to receive this benefit. But this just better defines the intent of the Legislature and I would ask the body to pass it. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Landis, your light is still on. Did you...Senator Landis waives. No further lights. Senator Synowiecki waives closing. No other lights. The question is...Senator Synowiecki, did you waive closing? He waives closing. All right, the question before you is the adoption of the Synowiecki amendment. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed, nay.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Synowiecki's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM2856 has been adopted.