

March 6, 1984

LB 962, 904

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to the bill. Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I would move LB 962 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 962.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill advances. LB 904.

CLERK: Mr. President, 904 was a bill introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year, was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 904 would give the Director of the Department of Social Services the authority to contract with medical providers to furnish goods and services to Medicaid clients. In part, the committee amendments clarify a number of ambiguities that were contained in the original bill. The committee amendment would also authorize the Director of DSS to restrict a contractual offering to a specific geographic area. Once the contract was let for a specific service or specific goods within that area, the Director could limit Medicaid reimbursement to providers contracting within the