

CLERK: Mr. President, I have motion on the desk. Senator Wesely would move to return the bill for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1450 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Senator Wesely, would you tell us what it is all about, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, this amendment is to clarify a problem that's been brought up on this bill...there was a statement made by Senator Marsh on the advancement of the A bill to this that concerned dentists in terms of the focus of this bill. The fear was that it went farther than what was originally contemplated in terms of allowing dental hygienists to develop independent practices and a number of things that were not really the intent of this change in licensure. There is a number of concerns that were expressed and this bill would make it more clear that control over work and employment settings would continue to be there. For the Board of Dental Examiners fear that this bill was too broad or maybe too vague or something is what brought about the amendment. There are some concerns now about what exactly is in the bill or not in the bill in terms of oversight function. I think it would perhaps behoove us to not take it up at this time, although that is Senator Marsh's decision. But that is the amendment that is before us. I'd have Senator Marsh respond, I guess.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, please. No, Senator Lundy, please. Senator Marsh, please

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have sent out an intent of LB 572, which is on your desk. And Senator Wesely just came over and said, no, something had been taken out. And I'd like to point out to you that it hasn't. This is what is in the bill. In regards to the circumstances under which the dental hygienists practice and their relationship to the supervising dentist is specified in Section 2 of the bill. It is intended that there be a dentist of record for each patient seen by a dental hygienist. It is also the intent that the dentist of record have a bona fide relationship to the patient. I want to make it very clear it is not the intent of this bill, it is not my intent, it is not the intent of the dental hygienists that dental hygienists be allowed to do independent practice. As you will look at this list who may employ