

Schmitt, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 381A. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 381A.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 381A advances. LB 449.

CLERK: Madam President, 449, a bill originally introduced by Senator Day. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments become the bill in this instance but do not change the original intent of the bill. The original bill provides that dental hygienists may administer local anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist. The amendments provide details as to the type of education, training, clinical experience and examinations which will be required to determine the competence of licensed dental hygienists to be approved by the Department of Health to administer local anesthesia. This is Senator Day's bill. It was advanced 7 to 0 by the Health and Human Services Committee. I would ask that the committee amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, my question, Senator Matzke, I don't know if it would be for you or Senator Day, but why do we need this bill, I guess? Is the dental hygienist going to do that when the dentist is not there? If the dentist is there, why wouldn't he do it? I guess that's just a point I'd like to have answered.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Senator Robinson, I'll try and answer it for you. It's under indirect supervision which means the dentist will have to be in the building, but he does not have to be in the room. What we heard from the dental hygienist lots of time was that they could go ahead and start the procedure with