

January 26, 1973

(Start Belt #3)

that a number of the hospitals have a rule that they have set themselves that they want to review the person that the doctor has accepted as his assistant because in most cases the doctor is qualified to go into this certain hospital. They have already passed on his qualifications. Then he comes with an assistant and they would like to have the opportunity to review this particular person and that's the only reason. Now I think that rule might apply to maybe two hospitals. Certainly, it depends on the individual hospital and we did not want to take that local control away from them.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, does this mean then that each hospital board in each county passes on these people or is it a state hospital board?

SENATOR KENNEDY: It would only be each local hospital. They would have that privilege and I am sure there is--as I recall, there is only one hospital that has this rule and it would be a larger hospital. They have already qualified the doctor and they felt that they would like to have the privilege of reviewing and seeing that this person that came into their hospital would be under their choosing and I don't think there would be any question. If a doctor had a wrong type of man, he certainly wouldn't want him in there. Does that answer it?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Another question, then. It has nothing to do with this assistant if he does not go to a hospital, in other words, if he just works for a doctor of medicine. Then, there is no hospital board that has to approve his working in the office of a doctor of medicine.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, that's correct. It would be just the local hospital board in their instance if their rules require that, but if he was not serving in that hospital he would not have to.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, the hospital boards have the power to do this same thing for the doctors of medicine, do they not?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, that's true.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank you.

SENATOR KENNEDY: So it is a local control.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion on the amendments. The question is shall the amendments to LB 101 be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Excuse me, Senator Goodrich, did you wish to be recognized.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I was just asking Senator Schmit to spot for me the amendment, I believe he is bringing it up, that was not included in the committee amendment but it was adopted by the committee which is the amendment that Senator Whitney was referring to. It's not included in the committee amendment but Senator Schmit is bringing those up right now so we will cover that as a separate amendment.

SPEAKER: Now, all those opposed to the last Schmit amendment as explained say no. There are none. So ordered, the amendments are adopted. Now we have a further amendment coming in.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Just a minute. Stand by.

CLERK: Alright, Mr. President, we then have another amendment.

SPEAKER: Read the amendment.