

January 29, 1979

LB 9

SPEAKER MARVEL: We now proceed to General File LB 9.

CLERK: Mr. President, Legislative Bill 9 was a bill introduced by Senator Robert Clark of the 47th. (Read LB 9 by title.) The bill was first read on January 9th of this year and was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are pending, Mr. President, committee amendments offered by Senator Cullan's Public Health and Welfare Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendment to Legislative Bill 9 can be found, of course, in the bill book. The discussion of the committee indicated that the amendment is a technical one to spell out the names of the different classes of drugs which can be topically applied to the various eyes. The committee amendment is as follows: Insert a new Section 4. Section 4. For the purposes of this act, unless the context otherwise requires pharmaceutical agents shall mean anesthetics, cycloplegics, mydriatics and myoptics. This definition was requested by Senator Wesely. Senator Clark indicated that it did not change the intent of the bill and therefore that the committee amendment was acceptable to him from the intent and that it simply defined. The committee felt that it was better to set out in statute what was a pharmaceutical agent would be, and pharmaceutical agents could be used, and that is the purpose of the committee amendment. We feel that it clarifies the intent of Legislative Bill 9 in a technical fashion. If there are questions, Senator Clark or I would be happy to respond to them relative to this committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, your light was on, do you wish to talk to the committee amendment? Senator Clark do you wish to talk to the committee amendment? Senator Schmit, do you wish to talk to the committee amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I see that Senator Clark's amendment amends the committee amendment, so I will defer until after Senator Clark has introduced his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 9. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Clerk record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the committee amend-