

March 6, 1979

LB 146, 125, 297,
316, 399, 450

Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The Clerk has some items to read into the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stoney asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 125 in the Journal.

Mr. President, Senator Dworak moves to reconsider the body's action and the motion to place LB 450 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee.

Mr. President, I have notice of hearing by the Appropriations Committee for March 13.

Mr. President, finally, I have three Attorney General's opinions, the first addressed to Senator DeCamp regarding LB 316, the second to Senator Schmit regarding LB 399 and the third addressed to Senator Keyes. Those will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 750 - 760.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are ready to move to General File, item #7. The Clerk will read LB 297.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 297. Read title. The bill was first read on January 16. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to discuss LB 297?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 297 is a measure that adds a dental hygienist to the Board of Examiners in Dentistry increasing the membership of that body from six to seven. The dental hygienist would not be allowed to vote on the disciplining of dentists or on the licensing of dentists. It was felt that they were not qualified to vote on disciplining or licensing of dentists and, therefore, they were restricted from voting on those particular actions of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry. The fiscal impact of LB 297 is approximately \$500. This is a cash funded agency and that small fiscal impact would not require an increase in fees because they have a sufficient balance currently to carry them over and to fund an additional member to the Board of Examiners in Dentistry. The Hygienist Association and so forth as well as the Board of Dentistry and the Department of Health all support LB 297 and I believe that explains the bill. I will answer any questions if you have any but I think it is a very simple issue, simply to decide whether you would like