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LB 44, 136, 138,
227, 358, 597

SENATOR DUIS: I think sufficient has been said, no closing.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the house is the advance to E & R initial of LB 390. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 11 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 390 is advanced to E & R initial. The Clerk will read some matters into the record and then we will follow by taking up LB 138 next.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a reference report referring LB 597 to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Keyes and Marsh ask unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 44.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined and reengrossed LB 136 and find the same correctly reengrossed; 227 reengrossed, 358 reengrossed and 421 engrossed, signed, Senator Wesely, Chairman.

PRESIDENT: All right we will proceed then with the next item on special order, LB 138. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 138 was a bill introduced by Senator Kahle and Senator Goodrich. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Cullan's Public Health and Welfare Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to LB 138 change the method of implementing the reduction in the level of county support for Medicaid payments. The levels would be as follows under the committee amendments. They would be decreased in the first fiscal year which is 1979 to 17½%; in fiscal year 1980 to 15%; in fiscal year '81 to 12½%; in fiscal year '82 to 10%; in fiscal year '83 to 7½% and in fiscal year '84 and years thereafter to 5%.