

April 26, 1979

LB 355

All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The House is under Call. All legislators please take their seats, record your presence and we are about to get your opinion on the committee amendments to LB 355. The Clerk is authorized to take call in votes. The issue at the moment are the committee amendments to LB 355. Yes.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting aye; Senator Hasebroock voting aye; Senator Merz voting aye; Senator Warner voting aye; Senator Fowler voting aye; Senator Wagner voting aye; Senator Newell voting aye; Senator Johnson voting aye; Senator Marsh voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk, announce the vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments to 355.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I move to raise the Call first. The only reason I want to raise the Call so the bill men can get back on the floor. I would like to have them all stay here to vote on the bill, up or down. I don't care.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Call is raised, reluctantly. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: This particular bill was brought to me by Rex Higley from the Department of Health. What it does is to certify a physical therapist assistant. It does not register them. It certifies them. The reason for this bill is a lot of these small hospitals has a physical therapist assistant but they do not have a physical therapist. They have one physical therapist that will go to three or four hospitals and they have an assistant in these little hospitals. He tells them what to do, what range of motions a patient has. He sets up the program for them and they work under his direction but unless this bill is passed, they are going to close those physical therapy departments in smaller hospitals. That is the reason I took the bill. Now what they do, this physical therapist assistant is certified with a physical therapist. If the assistant