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quits he cannot work for another one until he is certified by another physical therapist. I wish I had another bill. This is a hard one to say. But that is really all the bill does. It is to certify these physical therapists assistants and it really isn't unlike the physicians assistants. They have to work for a physician. I would move the bill to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you have an amendment on the bill? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well I just wanted to ask Senator Clark which way this bill rubbed him.

SENATOR CLARK: Which what?

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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you have an amendment to the bill?

SENATOR CLARK: I don't know. Do I? What is it?

CLERK: (Read Clark amendment found on page 1142 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: This was put in by Mr. Higley also and I would move for the adoption of it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is that the last amendment to the bill? Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Clark amendment to LB 355. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: At first I was in favor of this bill, Senator Clark, as I understood what it did but then I started receiving some calls from the small hospitals in my district and they said we are getting along fine and we are afraid that the minute we certify these people and the minute that we make them in a special class, then our costs are going to go up because they are going to demand more money. The physical therapist is going to ask for more money and they said we cannot stand any more cost. It is working the way it is. There are organizations that provide physical therapists service as a profession for small hospitals so I will have to disagree with you when you say that it is really going to help the small hospitals. It is going to raise the cost and they are afraid of this so I won't be able to support your amendments or the bill.