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most of us, trying to throw up the old scare of a few dollars, I think is not the issue. The issue is that today physical therapy is one of the fastest growing professions that there is because it is proven that people who have had severe either damage of heart or other kinds of problems, physical therapy is one of the best ways they can be rehabilitated and if you are going to deny these smaller communities of that assistant who serves under the professional, then you are indeed taking away a medical service that is vitally needed. I doubt it is going to increase the cost one iota and I have had calls from physical therapists and others who asked that we support this bill because for the first time that assistant physical therapist is going to have a certificate that proves beyond a doubt that he or she will have minimal training in order to carry on a vital need and service to a community. I suggest that we should pass 355 as soon as possible and I support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President and members, are we talking to the amendment? The amendment was...(interruption.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Actually the motion is to advance the bill as amended to E & R for review.

SENATOR GEORGE: Was the last amendment all ready adopted?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are talking to the Clark amendment. Go ahead.

SENATOR GEORGE: The Clark amendment. I believe the concerns that some of us have as to small hospitals in our district, this very amendment I think would take care of that problem so I am in strong support of the amendment and with the amendment I can vote for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the... Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Clark if he would respond, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, Senator Stoney wants to ask you a question.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Clark, on this last amendment