

March 3, 1980

LB 672A, 725

Any further discussion? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. LB 672A is advanced to E & R. Next is LB 725.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 725 was introduced by Senator Kelly of the 35th. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 14 of this year, referred to the Public Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. The committee amendments were offered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. I have those committee amendments pending and an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Hoagland as well as several others on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you want to explain the committee amendments?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will briefly explain the committee amendments and on Friday when we thought the bill was coming up or Thursday I guess, and then again today we have circulated a memorandum that explains what the committee amendments do. There are four committee amendments and it is my opinion that the first committee amendments are strictly technical, one correcting a misspelled word, the other changing errors in drafting to be consistent with the intent of the introducer of this bill. The fourth amendment is not a technical amendment. The fourth part of the committee amendments is an amendment that adds an additional consumer to the certificate of need advisory panel to match the nursing home administrator that was also placed on that particular panel. So that is the purpose of the fourth amendment. At this point in time I would urge you to reject the committee amendments. It has come to my attention that there has been an understanding reached on this particular issue between the introducer of the bill and some of the individuals who are opposed to the bill and so I personally will vote against the committee amendments. I would urge you to do so and please that there has been an understanding developed and applaud those individuals who worked together on the bill and also I guess with that, I simply urge you to reject the committee amendments and I certainly support the amendments that Senator Kelly will propose in a minute.