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bill on Final Reading to put the psychologists, to do the same exact thing with the psychologists. It is consistent. I think it is necessary. I would urge you to support Senator Schmit's amendments. I would urge you to support the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Schmit and/or Senator Cullan. If, for example, a nurse right now whose license has lapsed and has not been working for a period of five years, what would be the status of that particular individual who would make reapplication for license renewal?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator, unless Senator Schmit's amendment passes, they would have to go through seventy-five hours of continuing education to reenter the profession.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, then with the adoption of the amendment, I can see where that individual would stand now. Assuming that this individual does not go back into the field, does not take any additional inservice hours or any continuing hours in the field of nursing and come 1984 this individual is in the same position as she is today, then what are her chances of getting a license come 1984. Senator Cullan, I think maybe...

SENATOR CULLAN: I am not sure I follow your question, Senator Venditte, but I think the answer is the same. If an individual is working today and then drops out for five years, is that your question?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, she is not working today, Senator Cullan, and she will not be working come 1984 but let's say, for example, she may want to work during the period of 1984 and she hasn't had any inservice, she hasn't had any additional professional hours or professional growth in the field of nursing, and what I am wanting to know now is for that nurse to get a license in 1984, what is she or he going to have to do to be able to get that valid certificate to practice in the field of nursing?

SENATOR CULLAN: At that point in time, Senator Venditte, she would have to undergo the seventy-five hours and the work, so you are not delaying it that long.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, that is the concern that I have,