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LB 491, 283, 87,

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried, the bill is advanced. The next one is LB 283.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move the E & R amendment to 283.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried, the E & R amendments are adopted.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move LB 283 be advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried, 283 is advanced. LB 87.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senator Higgins to 287. (Read Higgins amendment). That is offered by Senator Higgins, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I didn't realize we were going to move this fast on Select File this morning, in fact I didn't even know my bill would make it this morning, but I have handed out copies of the amendment. I would briefly explain the amendments this way. The amendments will keep the preference for noncivil protective custody for placement in a clinic, a hospital, a home or a detoxification center. The amendments will also allow a police officer to use the telephone to survey facilities to try to locate one with space. It will also allow an officer to contact only those facilities he knows will be likely to accept the individual rather than go to facilities that have previously had a record of not accepting them. It makes clear that civil protective custody can be used if no other facility is available to provide a place where the intoxicated derelict or alcoholic, whatever, can sleep off his intoxication until he is reasonably sober. Of course the other amendments were previously adopted, the committee amendments on General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Higgins amendment to LB 87. Senator Nichol. Excuse me, I'm sorry, Senator Wesely, you are first and then Senator Nichol.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was wondering if Senator Higgins could yield to a couple of questions.