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LB 134, 179, 326, 389

SENATOR NICHOL: We will move on to LB 389.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, right before that Senator Wagner would like to print amendments to LB 134; Senator Hoagland to LB 179; Senator Wagner to LB 326. (See pages 1467-1468 of the Journal.)

I have an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Maresh. That will be inserted in the Journal, Mr. President.

Mr. President, LB 389 was introduced by Senator Don Wesely and Senator Loran Schmit. (Title read.) The bill was first read on January 20, referred to Public Health and Welfare for a hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, are you going to take the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I will handle the committee amendments, too, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will handle the committee amendments as vice chairman of the Public Health Committee. If you will look in your book you will find that they do a number of things. The primary intent was to tighten up the bill as introduced to try and clarify more specifically who could benefit from these services that would be provided under LB 389 which said some income guidelines that were more specific and would in a number of other ways provide some clarifying amendments. The attempt was again to try and tighten up the bill to deal with the question of costs involved and Senator Cullan was very influential in developing these different amendments but there are some amendments to those I think we might want to take up at this point.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely moves to amend the committee amendments, Senators Wesely and Schmit, and the amendments are found on page 1278 of the Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, are you going to explain your amendments to the committee amendments, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President. As I said before, the committee amendments which were drafted attempted I think specifically to deal with the question of narrowing the focus of LB 389 and I think that was appropriate but there were a number of changes that after the amendments were adopted we found to be counterproductive and not, in fact, helpful. You have on your desk a couple of handouts. One is a copy of the amendments. Those can also be found on page 1278 of the Journal. Then also I have passed out a