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LB 378

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 378 offered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Read title of bill. The bill was first read on January 19th last year, it was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. There are committee amendments. . . .I'm sorry Mr. President, the bill was advanced to General File. The first amendment that I have to the bill is from Senator Marsh. I believe the amendment was offered last year and copies have been distributed to the membership.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to explain the bill first and then we will go to Senator Marsh.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would prefer that Senator Marsh proceed with her amendments and then I'll explain my own set of amendments which are up later.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to proceed?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The amendments to LB 378 speak to the need to include Home Health Agencies in our standard of need. The progress of home health care in the State of Nebraska has been phenomenal in the past five to ten years. This mode of delivery of health care has indeed become viable and accepted in most communities. Certificate of need legislation for home health care should become mandatory in the State of Nebraska. The inclusion of home health agencies would assist in stemming undue proliferation of agencies in some areas while helping to help promote the extension of home health care to unserved or underserved communities. It is important that Nebraska take seriously the consequences of the lack of control which has already happened in some of our sister states including Florida, California and Pennsylvania who had some real difficulties and we would like to avoid those kinds of problems in Nebraska. I move for the adoption of the amendment which would place Home Health Agencies under our protection.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have heard the motion and the explanation from Senator Marsh. All those in favor of adopting those amendments. . .Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak before we proceed?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wish to point out the fact that the amendments were presented to the Public Health and Welfare Committee and the Public Health and Welfare Committee did not adopt them. So they were