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LB 835

SENATOR CLARK: We will take it up. We will lay it over. We will take it up. All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item I have on 835 is an amendment by Senator Wiitala and that is on page 1563 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, the amendment that I propose deletes in LB 835 the provision that the Department of Public Institutions shall be required to provide an itemized billing upon request. Just to remind you, LB 835 in its original form asked that hospitals provide a fully itemized billing to all patients and all third party payers, and in the committee it was amended to provide for a fully itemized bill only upon request. The only difficulty we ran into was the fact that by including DPI we had a fiscal impact of close to \$80,000 because they don't have the computerized equipment and they do not have the personnel to carry out that itemization. So I would ask this body if they would to accept this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: This amendment takes DPI out, is that right?

SENATOR WIITALA: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. Is there any discussion on the Wiitala amendment? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the Wiitala amendment? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wiitala's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: That amendment is adopted. Another amendment?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala, do you want to move the bill?

SENATOR WIITALA: Proceed, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is to advance