

to accept her bill.

SENATOR WESELY: That's right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: The Reference Committee has to accept her bill and refer it to, which in the past has always been Public Health and Welfare and I assume would be again Public Health and Welfare Committee. What then will the Public Health and Welfare Committee do with that bill that Senator Morehead introduced?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Morehead had an answer, but I'm not going to repeat it. I don't know, Senator Higgins. It depends how this process works. You know it is an experiment. We are trying a different approach. I would like to think it will work. If it works we'd like to process...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you have the right to refuse a public hearing then?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I don't think so.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So you'd have a public hearing on it?

SENATOR WESELY: If somebody introduces a bill we are required to have a public hearing, and we will hold a public hearing.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then if you have the public hearing you would then have an Executive Session.

SENATOR WESELY: That's right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then in the Executive Session you would either advance the bill, if you liked it, or kill it, or amend it, or you'd go through this LB 407 process?

SENATOR WESELY: Those are some options, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What do you think the Public Health and Welfare Committee would do after introducing this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: We are talking next year, right?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, it is too late to introduce any this