

January 24, 1986 LB 663

PRESIDENT: You may call in your vote to the Clerk on the Labeledz amendment to LB 663, yes or no.

CLERK: Senator Rod Johnson voting yes.

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? You may call in your vote to the Clerk. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. The call of the house is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I move for the advancement of the bill as amended.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 663 from Select File to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment. Senator Vard Johnson, did you want something?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am going to vote against advancement of this bill. I am going to vote against advancement because of the last amendment. The bill, before the last amendment took place, was a responsible bill, but with the last amendment we are now setting standards for the people who work in physicians' offices and obtain informed consents and we are saying that if a physician has an employee who fails in one way or another to meet that standard, that that physician shall be criminally penalized. To the best of my knowledge, this is the only area of the law where we have specifically said that a physician shall be criminally penalized if that physician fails to have a person in his office who meets certain qualifications for receiving informed consents. That is what it amounts to. This is a bad criminal policy, a bad criminal policy. Now, if, in fact, we think it important to establish standards for counselors, then we should do that and we should license counselors, and, in fact, I know that the Public Health and Welfare Committee has legislation before it to that effect. But to set