

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Marsh yield to a question?

SENATOR MARSH: Of course.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator, I just want to get one thing clear. On the use of nitrous oxide, a dentist has to be present when they use it. Is that correct?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes. The dentist has to start the process and then it can be monitored. If he leaves to go into the next room, the dental hygienist can continue the monitoring.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words, it wouldn't be like in Omaha we have a clinic where one dentist might have 15 people working for him and he would be on the third floor and somebody on the first floor getting this. The reason I am so interested in it, I have been, for the last five months, going to dentists and periodontists and I have had the nitrous oxide and I know that it is like any other anesthetic, you know.

SENATOR MARSH: It needs to be carefully monitored.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Right.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So, excuse me. In other words, a dentist will be there?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 572? Any closing, Senator Marsh? The motion is to advance the bill from General File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.