

dental hygienists, Section 71-193 is on page 2 of your Final Reading copy. Who may employ dental hygienists? I direct your attention to that section which the Standing Committee amendment has amended, and made Section 1 of the bill, for examples which mentioned such persons as the institutions, as licensed dentist, public institutions, and schools. And Section 7 of this bill provides for the promulgation of rules and regulations. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your patience and ask that the bill be passed into law after five years of work and in the spirit of LB 407 review.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the body, I concur with and totally support the statement of Senator Marsh. There is no intent in LB 572 that the dental hygienists shall practice independently. The law, I believe, is clear. The statute is clear. The bill is clear. I would ask that the bill be read at this time. And I would just want to assure Senator Wesely, his fears are unfounded and that the bill is in proper order and ought to be read.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speake and members of the body, I, too, rise to support the bill as it is written. I think that every question has been answered that might have been bothering Senator Wesely. As Senator Marsh has indicated, this is a bill that has been studied and restudied for many years. I would like to see its passage at this time. I would suggest that we proceed with Final Reading. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you want to conclude on your motion?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, let me again reiterate, the only concern was a floor comment made by Senator Marsh that would indicate much broader scope to this bill. Her comments were in regard to the A bill as it advanced off of Select File. There was no problem until that point. And the dentists took a look at the language again and it looked a little unclear. So the intent here is to have these three sponsors make it very clear that we do not want to provide for independent practice, that there is an oversight function