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LB 245, 452-467

Senator Schmit, I have to close with this, you mentioned surplus of teachers. You had better look at the record today. There is not a surplus, only in a very few fields. In fact, there are shortages developing and by mid 1980's there are going to be very severe shortages for a number of reasons, and the Education Committee does not control the number of people who matriculate in a standing college. That is only controlled by the Regents and you know that. If you want to talk about surpluses, my figures show there are eight hundred and some veterinarians in this state and the veterinarians tell me that is a surplus. So let's get down to the issue. Is it Education or isn't it, and I request that the bill be rereferenced to the Education Committee. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is that LB 245 be rereferred from the Agriculture and Environment Committee to the Education Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 287 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Legislators, you are still supposed to be in your seats. The Clerk did not announce the vote.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. I will raise the Call in just a minute. I want to make an announcement to the Chairmen. If you have hearings that are going to be heard next week, you have to get your notices in today. Okay, the Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 452-467 by title. See pages 287-291 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, Public Health and Welfare Committee, Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, the Public Health and Welfare Committee will meet at two o'clock. Senator Cullan, do you have a place? I can't get his attention. Senator Cullan, where do you want the meeting? I have already announced it at two o'clock. Do you want it underneath the...? Pardon? The Exec Board will meet in Room 1520 at two o'clock. Okay, 1517 for the Exec Board, two o'clock.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Clerk will continue to read in bills for about ten minutes and then we will recess until about three-thirty.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. LB 335.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Revenue whose chairman is Senator Carsten instructs me to report LB 467 advance to General File with committee amendments attached; LB 770 indefinitely postponed. That is signed by Senator Carsten. (See pages 630-632 of the Legislative Journal.)

LB 807 is advanced to General File with committee amendments attached by the Urban Affairs Committee. That is signed by Senator Landis. (See pages 632-634 of the Journal.)

Banking Committee offers a confirmation report on gubernatorial appointments.

Mr. President, LB 335, the E & R amendments were adopted on January 29 of this year. At that time the bill was laid over. I now have an amendment pending by Senator Marsh, Mr. President, that is found on page 307 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I agreed with the persons who opposed the legislation that I would bring the amendment to the body. I cannot personally support the amendment and I would like to read from a letter. This letter happens to be from a constituent of Larry Stoney's in District 4 and she says, "I am writing you concerning your bill, LB 335 and more specifically the amendment which would remove doctors, lawyers and clergy from reporting cases of neglect and abuse. I oppose this amendment. I do not oppose LB 335 which protects adults especially the elderly, disabled and handicapped from abuse and neglect. However, to remove anyone from the liability to report these incidents will make our reporting law ineffective. We cannot help adults if we have no way of obtaining the information on abuse and neglect."

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I rise to oppose the amendment that we are speaking to where we are going to allow supposedly immunity to about four classes of professional people. It reminds you only, and I'll quote a Dr. Paul Nelson of Omaha who has been very interested in child abuse who states and I quote directly. Dr. Nelson, Omaha doctors in child care and abuse said, "The reporting requirement has worked well and hasn't hurt anyone and for us to say that doctors, lawyers and clergymen and others should be