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LB 187, 285, 352, 355, 355A, 525, 813

some of the concerns we have with LB 187, except that as you all know 187 also provides a form of relief for some of those small, outstate counties as well, as all you folks should know, who are sharing some of the burden, and in fact an unfair burden for providing health care costs for the folks that come through their counties and get sick and would not help, would not be helped in any way by 525 and the Medicaid increases. They can only be helped, those hospitals that are now being hurt because of indigents coming through their counties, getting sick, and going to the county sponsored hospitals. Some of those will certainly not be helped by 525. I think we deserve to know the difference. So, with that, and assuming that that will all happen in good faith, from what I hear on the floor, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully withdraw my motion on bracket.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch, it is withdrawn. And this might be a good time to again suggest, as Senator Lynch did, the conversation we had a few moments ago in bracketing a bill until Monday, despite the fact that I'm not generally in favor of bracketing, I repeat, bracketing a bill until Monday, with the pipeline as plugged as it is at the present time, might cause considerable problems. Monday will be the beginning of the countdown to Friday, five days left. The bill is on General File. It might have caused a considerable problem. Thank you, Senator Lynch, for your consideration. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I might, some items for the record before we proceed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly.

CLERK: Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 352, LB 355, and LB 355A to Select File. I have amendments to be printed, by Senator Abboud, to LB 285; and Senator Withem to LB 813. (See pages 2276-78 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, we're back to committee amendments. And, pursuant to a ruling of the Chair, discussing Section 1 of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, your light is on, would you care to discuss Section 1?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'll use this time, since I'm up, although I won't be referring to