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April 19, 2002 LB 994, 994A, 1033

passes. LB 994AE.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 994A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 994A, with the emergency clause attached, pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1787.) Vote is 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 994A, with the emergency clause attached, passes. LB 1033. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Suttle would move to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. (FA1114, Legislative Journal page 1788.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I have had some misgivings bill ever since it was introduced. I worry about the fact that EMTs, believe me, there's not anybody I would want more at the scene of an accident or when I am sick to give me the initial care that I need for whatever ails me, but if they're going to go into the hospital and give long-term care that's completely different. The mind-set is different. The way they...that you look at a patient and the kind of patient care you have to give is completely different than emergency type initial care. I think that it will take the hospitals a great deal of time to give the kind of training that is required to give that kind of care when a patient...when the EMTs are in the hospital. And it concerns me that there is a nursing shortage. But do we want to put this much burden on hospitals and do we want to put this much burden on nurses who have to supervise these people? I am sure that every one of these people is an excellent person. I do not want to give the impression that I don't think they're smart enough