

anyway. Now if you really want a Bryan Hospital application that costs millions and millions of dollars to be reviewed carefully, then free the Department of Health from the time consuming process of reviewing minor applications. The other parts of the bill that I think is the most important is the part of the bill that deals with changing the decision making process, from the bureaucrats in the Department of Health making that decision making process to an impartial panel of citizens and providers dominated by citizens to listen to the evidence from any one in the state that wants to present evidence and then render a decision. I think that makes the process more fair and equitable and I think that it will make it work better. The last important point I want to make before I conclude is that many of you are concerned about the transfer of nursing home facilities. In the original draft of LB 378, we would eliminate certificate of need review for nursing home transfers. In the current draft of the bill that I am proposing that you adopt in a minute, nursing home transfers are subject to review and can be rejected. Those concerned about impacts on medicaid costs should support my amendments versus LB 378. So I urge you at this point in time to adopt these amendments. I will be willing to work with each and everyone of you between now and Select File to try and reconcile any major differences that we have. I recognize the state wants a certificate of need process but let's make it one that works on major applications and not one that simply burdens hospitals with unnecessary and wasteful paperwork.

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Cullan. The question before the House is the adoption of the Cullan amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the adoption of the Cullan amendments? Have you all voted on the adoption of the Cullan amendments to 378? Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I guess I will have to request a Call of the House.

SENATOR CLARK: A Call of the House...all right, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on the motion to adopt the Cullan amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendments are adopted. Do you have any