

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, I will be glad to try to respond to Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh, why did the Nebraska Bar Association, American Medical Association, and the rest of these people oppose this bill? Can you explain that to us?

SENATOR MARSH: I did try to earlier, Senator Clark, but I will go over that again. Their opposition to the bill was that they did not wish to have their client-lawyer relationship or their physician-patient relationship infringed upon in any manner and that is why the amendment is going to be offered on Select File and which will be printed in the Journal so that we can have it in front of us to discuss and that is why it has been held up this long, Senator Clark, since this was introduced last year and this is the compromise amendment which will be offered on Select File.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I certainly am not against the bill. I am one of them that want to be protected at my age. All I am wondering is why would they oppose it and I appreciate your answer. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak, Mr. Speaker? I would like to respond in some manner to Senator Landis to say that, Senator Landis, there are some adults who currently are covered under state law and to my knowledge there has not been a problem with the section you drew to the attention of the Legislature today. I have met with a number of groups who have been involved with the legislation we are amending by LB 335. I have made a number of inquiries: Have any problems developed with the implementation of the legislation which has been on the books since 1973? Has it caused a problem for any of the persons who are working in this field? And to my knowledge, sir, there have not been any problems which have been shared with me and I have made a concerted effort to see if there were some additional changes that needed to be made because of problems which had developed, and so far, I have heard of none. The Silver-Haired Legislature apparently did a similar kind of thing across the state with their constituency. So if you do discover something, I would be very glad to work with you on it. Thank you very much. With that I move for the advancement of LB 335.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, we are speaking to the bill itself.