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LB 7

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, did you hear the question of Senator Cullan?

SENATOR NICHOL: I heard it while I was running up but I don't know exactly what it was. It was the question why was this particular bill referred to Judiciary rather than Health?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: The reason was that certainly when you collect payments for child support, it is a health problem, or a child problem, or a welfare problem, but really the mechanics of it in getting that collected is more of a legal problem than it is a health and welfare problem. So without speaking for each individual member of the Executive Board, I would say that that was probably the reason. As far as I am personally concerned, I would be glad to have you have it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Wesely, you may close.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the reason I moved so hastily to try and rerefer is that our committee has been counting on getting the bill. We have been aware of the situation and we are ready to proceed and to now have that bill referred over to Judiciary just didn't make a lot of sense. And I think although maybe one section does relate to what the Judiciary Committee has dealt with in the past, more than what is in the section of that bill deals with what the Public Health and Welfare has dealt with in the past and it would be the logical committee to handle it. So it seems to me that it would be wise to rerefer to Public Health Committee and we will proceed with the hearing. We have already talked about it and scheduled, and deal with the bill. I think that is where it ought to be. So I ask your support in the motion to rerefer.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion then is to rerefer to the Health and Welfare Committee rather than to the Judiciary Committee LB 7. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk? That is the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Can we use the machine, or do you want to try the machine? Try the machine. It requires 25 votes. Have you all voted? Do you want to have a Call of the House, Senator? We still have some missing.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Do you know how many are excused?