

have some questions on the bill. I just want to point out, however, that it is so much easier to start a program on this floor than it is to terminate it. I have a high regard for the nursing profession. Members of my family are involved in nursing and I think that they are some of the finest people that we could ever meet and work with, but not in any way, shape, or form to be speaking disparagingly of Senator Nelson's good intentions, three years down the road, if you give the normal turnover in this body, there will be quite a few us who won't be here, and at that time, I am sure the program will be so permanently entrenched and so very, very laudatory that you probably are not going to be able to do anything except to continue to fund it. So, I just hope that when we get to discussing this bill that we look at the bill from the standpoint of what it is going to do, what impact it will have upon rural areas, what impact it will have upon cost in certain areas, what will it do to wage rates that are paid by various hospitals, will they, in effect, lower their wage rates, in effect, to take advantage of the contribution from the state. There are a multitude of questions which need to be raised here, but I want to say that I don't have any objection to Senator Nelson's amendment, but I think it is superfluous.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on on the amendment. Senator Nelson, would you care to close?

SENATOR NELSON: I think it has been well explained and I just move for the adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the body is the adoption of the Nelson amendment to LB 357. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Nelson amendment. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Nelson's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, you have another motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to indefinitely postpone LB 357. Senator Nelson, as principal introducer, would have the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please