

Senator Smith to LB 433. I have a request by Senator Lamb to print a message in the Journal, Mr. President, and a motion by Senators Withem and Schmit. Both of those will be laid over. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1383-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, on LB 569, it's a bill introduced by Senators Rogers and Morrissey. (Read.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Health Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Wesely, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. LB 569 deals with an issue that we've looked at over the last couple of years, EMT's being able to use automatic defibrillation equipment. They are now authorized, under their scope of practice, to provide for defibrillation, but they've come up with a new machine, so essentially we've got to put in the statute this new machine and clarify the ability to utilize this new machine. We passed the bill last year to authorize this and take care of it, but unfortunately, as we frequently have happen with health licensure issues, the bill passed and then the rules and regs to implement the legislation went to the Attorney General last fall and the Attorney General said there wasn't enough detail and clarity. So, essentially, the bill before you will put into statute the rules and regs that were recommended by the Department of Health to implement the bill we passed last year. Because of this concern about constitutionality and the ability to implement licensure issues in general, and this one in particular, this committee amendment adds a severability clause to the bill which allows, if there are any constitutional problems with any particular part of the bill, it will be that part of the bill that is declared unconstitutional, not the whole bill. So that we can at least go forward in some degree with this legislation and get it resolved. So I would ask for adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Morrissey on the committee amendments.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Madam Chair and members, I would just rise to urge your support of the committee amendments. This is a bill that was worked on last year. We need to get it passed this year. I would just urge your support of the committee