

Senator, I have AM1547, but if I may, Senator, before you proceed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, items for the record. New A bill, LB 816A. (Read by title for the first time.) It's offered by Senator Warner. Appropriations Committee reports LB 525 to General File with committee amendments attached. Amendments to be printed to LB 813 by Senators Baack and Rod Johnson. Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Withem (re. LB 429), and one to Senator Beyer (re. LB 683.) (See pages 1951-57 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator, I now have your amendment number 1547 pending. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1916 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely. (Gavel.)

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This amendment is the real key amendment, I think, to address my basic concerns about this bill. And I have many concerns about the bill and I feel very uncomfortable about it. But at least an attempt to compromise, this is what I consider the least best offer. And what it does is, one, it reduces the threshold for new services from 900,000 to 750,000. It reduces the new equipment threshold from 1 million to 900,000, and those two things I've worked with Senator Baack on and, hopefully, he will be in agreement with those. And I would ask for a division of the question that pulls out those two items, the two threshold amendments. Then the other part of the amendment that would be taken up after that deals with the question of a list. And the list that I have on this amendment is...deals with neonatal care, open heart surgery, but it delays that open heart surgery so that Bergan Mercy can proceed with their desire to provide that service, chronic renal dialysis and then transplants. And I'll get into that after we're through with the thresholds. But anyway, Mr. Speaker, to save time and focus the debate, I ask that we divide the question and...let me see...

CLERK: Senator, may I inquire as to where that division would occur, just so...

SENATOR WESELY: You would, you would do numbers two and four, that are listed on 1547, you'd do those two, and then you'd take