

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of 1094. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 1094.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 1094 is advanced. LB 688, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 688 was a bill introduced by Senator Lindsay. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of last year, Mr. President. At that time it was referred to Health and Human Services for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. You want your amendment to the committee amendments? In addition, Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the committee amendments. (Wesely amendment appears on pages 865-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, for the purpose of introducing the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I'll be brief as I can in trying to explain these amendments and urge you to try and follow along, since we didn't have a chance to print them in the Journal they have been distributed on your desk. They are AM2588. LB 688 is a bill brought to the Legislature by Senator Lindsay last year, and dealt with a very important problem that we had in a number of our facilities where individuals have been providing certain assistance to particularly mentally retarded clients that had been going on for some time. But the Department of Health felt there was a violation of scope of practice in nursing and brought action against these individuals. So Senator Lindsay did introduce this legislation to deal with the problem. We appreciate very much that he did that. That led to the introduction and conclusion of an LB 407 review process looking at this very issue. Actually that process has not concluded. It has a couple more stages to go through. But in reviewing the situation and continuing the negotiations, we have advanced the bill, had committee amendments, and in further discussion have this amendment to offer that we believe is the best compromise that we can reach at this time. It does deal with a one year basis, until July 1, 1991, the following changes, and the idea I