

January 31, 1991 LB 57, 58

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the advancement of LB 57 to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Seeing no one wishing to speak on the motion, all those in favor of advancing LB 57 please vote aye. Opposed, please say nay. The motion is adopted, and LB 57 is advanced.

CLERK: LB 58, Senator, first item I have are Enrollment and Review amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 58.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Seeing no one wishing to speak, all those in favor of the motion to approve the amendments please say aye. Opposed nay. The amendments are approved. Senator Will.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (Beutler amendment appears on page 468 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, these are minor amendments, and these are amendments with the approval of Senator Wesely. And the amendment basically does two things. With regard to confidential records it makes it absolutely clear that the Legislature has the prerogative to review those records. And, secondly, and more importantly it requires the Department of Aging to outline what is currently happening with regard to funding and the priority of funding as between older American's who are not in economic or social need and those who are. In other words, this agency, I think, because of the Older Americans Act, because of the federal act, treats all older Americans, whether they are in economic need or not, give services across the board. And so what I want to explore and what the committee is interested in exploring, to some extent, is what's happening now in the agency with regard to who is getting the services, are the services going to individuals across the board? Are those who are in greatest economic need getting more of the services? It seems to me that this is one