

January 9, 1996 LB 414

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Withem-Wesely amendment.

SENATOR WILL: The amendment is adopted. We are now on the advancement of LB 414. Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

CLERK: Senator, I have your motion yet. Do you... I have nothing on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: The call is raised.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely, would you yield to a question? Senator Wesely, now that I've, I pushed on one side a, probably a viewpoint held by the, by the medical profession on the doctors' side, now I want to attack what I think is a possible problem that the doctors wanted. And what I wanted to ask you about is the board that we created. One of my...and let me just open it up and I'll leave it to you to go where you want to, is there no existing board already in existence that could not handle that which we're asking a brand new board to do? Because I get disgusted all the time about every time we have some type of thing in a dispute we have to have a new board. Surely...let me ask you, is there another board out there that would be, that would be fair, impartial, that could handle the situation?

SENATOR WESELY: When you added the fair and impartial would be where we get into trouble, but obviously the original bill had the Board of Nursing with the oversight. That was felt to be not fair and impartial and that's why this joint board was proposed, so.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so the reason we're going to have a brand new board is because neither side, or at least one side or the other could not agree which would be impartial, is that...would that be fair?

SENATOR WESELY: I think the answer is...in trying to reach a compromise, the nurses were ready to have this joint board, allow the physician to be a part of it, so.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Wesely.