

GENERAL FILE  
May 12, 1971

PRESIDENT: Move to the consideration of LB 910. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title. LB 910.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Senator Goodrich will take the amendments.

SENATOR GOODRICH: The committee amendments are merely adding to the bill two complete sections that were left off when the bill was drafted. These were presented to the bill drafter's office and the bill was never finished. We added the two sections that were intended to be added to the bill. I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments to LB 910? All those in favor of adopting the committee amendments say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it and the committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Read further amendments.

SENATOR GOODRICH: This is an amendment that is already included in the committee amendment placing it in one place in the bill, but later we discovered that it should have been added at two other places in the bill for clarification of language. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Goodrich amendment to the bill? All those in favor of adopting the amendment say aye, those opposed say no. The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, the purpose of LB910 is to create a schedule by law to establish standards to insure equitable payment in a uniform manner throughout the state of patients who are placed in nursing homes by the Welfare Department. This particular bill insured that your constituents are not left to the mercy of the County Welfare Director. It further insures that the local people are able to be placed in homes within their counties. So, they do not have to be farmed out 2 or 3 counties away. In essence, what the bill does is that it sets up a criteria by which the Welfare Department can pay for nursing care when they place a welfare party in a nursing home. In essence the object of the thing is that by adopting what we call a point system for payment for the care of a patient in a nursing home, we assure the state and the county that there will be payment for what care they do get.