

April 21, 1993      LB 377A, 377

CLERK:      25 ayes, 0 nays. Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL:    The amendment is adopted.

CLERK:      I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

PRESIDENT MOUL:    Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I move the advancement of LB 377 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MOUL:    Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY:    I apologize, but I did want to read into the record, to follow up on Senator Hillman's comments, some intent language here. It is neither the purpose nor the intent of this bill to exceed the scope of coverage at the public accommodation Title III of the Federal Americans With Disabilities Act, thus the standards and specifications promulgated in accordance with this bill will not apply to religious organizations and entities controlled by religious organizations. These organizations and entities are specifically excluded by federal law from coverage of Title III ADA and would likewise be excluded from coverage of LB 377. Again, there were concerns expressed by some, how far does this go? Does it go beyond what the federal act is? Does it include people not included by the federal act? And this is to make it as clear as I can that there is no intent by the Legislature that that be the case. We are trying to comply with the federal act. We need to take an outdated disabilities access code and bring it up to speed, otherwise we have an outdated code and a federal code people are going to have to meet and have trouble with. So we're trying to correlate the two, and there is no intent to go beyond what those requirements are. So, again, I'm trying to be as clear as I can. I think the bill is that way, but just in case, in the future anybody should speculate differently, I think this is, again for the record, to clarify the intent on the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL:    Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hall. Okay. Does anybody else wish to speak to the bill? You've all heard the motion to advance LB 377. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. LB 377 is advanced. LB 377A.