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LB 726, 822

PRESIDENT: LB 726 is advanced. The Chair announces that Senators Vickers and Lamb have guests under the south balcony this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Moore from Ansley, Custer County. Welcome to the Legislature. We skip over LB 776 and go to LB 822.

CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was read on January 5, referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature. The committee amendments were adopted by the committee at the suggestion of the Department of Health. Under existing law the Health Department is required to adopt modular home construction standards that are reasonably consistent with standards published by a number of nationally construction related organizations. Language in the bill would expressly permit the department to adopt standards based on annual supplements to the aforementioned standards and modify the national standards at its discretion. The amendments would also remove the language that requires the department adopt nationally recognized standards and then permits the department to modify those standards whenever it sees fit. Instead the department would be charged with adopting standards to protect health and safety, assure reciprocity with other states that have adopted widely accepted standards, vary from those accepted standards only for specific reasons, and which change with advancing technology. The Health Department believes the language proposed in the committee amendments best reflects the department's need for construction standard guidelines that allow for flexibility within a commonly accepted framework of standards. I would move the adoption of the committee amendments at this time, if you please, sir.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 822. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the