

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** We are looking for Senator Goodrich and Senator Chambers now.

**SENATOR CHRONISTER:** Let's go.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Mr. Clerk, will you please call the roll and we are voting on the advancement of the bill.

**CLERK:** (Roll call vote taken. See page 998 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** The motion fails. We will move on to LB 286. The call is raised.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, 286 is a bill introduced by Senators Morehead, Marsh, Scofield, Hartnett, Nichol, Richard Peterson, Smith and Hall. (Read title.) Introduced last year in January, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Wesely, the committee amendment.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, the social work bill came before us, this issue has been before the body before. Let me summarize for you what the recommendations were. They originally wanted licensure, and, again, licensure is the highest level of regulation. If you are licensed in a certain area, it means only that person licensed can perform that function and others cannot, and so when you go to licensure, it is very difficult and the last bill that failed is an example of that. You don't go to licensure unless it is absolutely a good idea. Now this one, they said licensure wasn't a good idea either but what they recommended was that they ought to downgrade that to certification. That is what the technical committee said. The director said, yeah, that is right, they shouldn't be licensed. They should be certified at the master's level and then registered at the bachelor's level, and so this bill conforms with that recommendation and then that also ties in with the technical committee, and so we did work with the social workers and with the Health Department and the technical committee and we have come forward with this committee amendment. It would conform to the uniform licensing law. It would only certify the social