

two schools in Nebraska offering this program, Clarkson and Northeast Community College. The students graduate in May and then they need the temporary license so they can practice with a physical therapist before they take the national certification and get the results back. The second part of it is a limitation of temporary licensure renewals for physical therapists. Currently, if someone comes in from out of state and has had a temporary license, they can continue to practice without supervision, without us knowing how many times they have taken the test and failed. So this allows that they can only practice under supervision on the temporary licensure or certification. The third thing it does is the exclusion of licensure for educational seminars. If there is a seminar in the State of Nebraska and PT and PTAs want to come in and practice, under current law, they can't put their hands on anyone or do any of the...anything unless they have a Nebraska license. This would give them a ten-day grace period where they could participate in an educational seminar. And the last thing it does is adjust the fees for the licensures of PTAs. Right now the tests that they take cost \$185 and they're only required to pay in \$150. So this ups this so they can at least cover their costs. That is what this legislation does. There was no opposition in the committee. It's mainly clarification that's good for the physical therapist, the physical therapist assistants and also helps protect the public. With that, I would ask your support. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Day. There are no lights on. Would you care to close? Senator Day waives closing on the opportunity to advance LB 448. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. For those of you within the sound of my voice, I hope that you will make your way back to your desks. The records of the Clerk indicate 12 who are present but not voting, and if those senators could make their presence known, we would be able to dispose of this issue. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 448, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: The motion is successful. The bill is advanced. We move to LB 448A, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 448A was introduced by Senator Day. (Read title.)