

January 8, 1996 LB 414, 469

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Any further discussion on the advancement of LB 469? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett to close. Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 469. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 469.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 469 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Not at this time, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We now turn to LB 414.

CLERK: Madam President, 414, a bill originally introduced by Senators Day and Withem at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12 of last year. At that time it was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for a public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. The first item I have on the bill are consideration of Health and Human Services Committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. LB 414 is a very important piece of legislation that if you had a chance to read the World-Herald this morning you'll know that there is much attention being paid to the issue of what we do in terms of the licensure of nurse practitioners, but you knew that already because you've been the subject of a number of letters and meetings perhaps from physicians and nurses alike who are very concerned about what we do with this piece of legislation. So what I am going to do is give you fairly brief background on the bill and what the committee thought we ought to do with it in terms of the committee amendment and hope, I know time is running out this afternoon, but at least the hope is that we will get the committee amendments adopted and the bill in good shape and then we can take some time when the bill comes back up again on General File to debate the real problems that may continue to exist with the bill. So let me start back a bit, it was in 1993 that the issue