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(Page 1259 indicates that LB 173 advanced with 26 ayes, 0 nays.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, LB 66.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 66, by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill, or this issue was brought to my attention by Deb Hansen from Holdrege, Nebraska, who is Director of Nursing at the Phelps Memorial Health Center. Under current law, a licensed practical nurse-certified could administer to patients' certain medical procedures so long as the hospital did not have more than 50 beds. Once the hospital had 51 beds, the licensed practical nurse-certified could no longer administer to patients those same medical procedures. And what this bill does, it says that if a...it removes the 50 bed requirement so that a licensed practical nurse can do certain procedures that she can do...or he or she can do, in a hospital under 50 beds, it would allow he or she to do that in a hospital of a larger size than that. And basically, the practice we're talking about is the application of the intravenous procedure. So, this bill would allow that to happen in larger hospitals. It received no opposition. I would appreciate your consideration on this bill and would answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wesely, for discussion on the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in support of the bill. Senator Schrock brought an important bill that will, I think, assist hospitals of a larger size. This was an artificial cap that we placed in to see how it would work. It worked fine. It's time to take the cap off and allow it for all hospitals. I support LB 66. Thank you.