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existing combination of federal and Nebraska law, the DEA did not have authority, under the Controlled Substances Act, to register physicians' assistants because they were not authorized under state law. If Nebraska law is amended to allow physician assistants to prescribe, administer or dispense controlled substances, then the DEA can issue the registrations and physician assistants will be allowed to continue to prescribe those controlled substances. The name of the supervising physician and the physician assistant must be on all prescriptions and all prescription-containing labels. I emphasize that LB 379 would continue the current practice of allowing physician assistants to write these prescriptions. Health and Human Services Committee unanimously advanced LB 379, and the Nebraska Pharmacy Association, as well as the Nebraska Medical Association, support the bill. LB 379 does contain the emergency clause. With that, I simply urge the advancement of LB 379 to General File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Discussion on the advancement of LB 379? Seeing none, Senator, you're recognized to close. Senator Dierks waives closing. The motion before us is the advancement of LB 379 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 379.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 379 is advanced. LB 17.

CLERK: LB 17, Mr. President, a bill originally introduced by Senator Coordsen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7 of this year, at that time it was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for hearing, bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to open on LB 17.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The opening on LB 17, in its introduced form, is going to be very brief. It is simply an issue that I worked on for a