

E & R amendments to LB 286.

CLERK: E & R amendments have been adopted previously. The-- Senator Maresh has an amendment which would be in order to withdraw for his other one printed in the Journal. Senator Maresh's amendment is printed in the Journal on Page 1584.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Maresh.

CLERK: He'll have to withdraw his other one first.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it appears the latest amendment has been printed in the Journal, either by error or otherwise, but the original amendment had to do with a new section, section 22 and discussing this with the Bill Drafter, Emory Burnett, we decided to place this into section 14 and delete the last part of the original amendment because it's covered in section 14 before this. So I don't think there's a need to withdraw the amendment since the right one is printed in the Journal. So what I would like to do is adopt this amendment to LB 286. What it does, it says that no applicant to admission to any course of medical or para-medical training of any kind shall in connection with this application be asked any question concerning his willingness or refusal to perform, participate in or assist in any act of abortion, nor shall any such applicant be denied admission because of his refusal to perform, participate in or assist in any such act. This amendment was discussed with Senator DeCamp and he agrees to this amendment. It has been brought up on the floor not too long ago that this question is asked of people applying in the Medical Center at Omaha and that they are disqualified if they say no and since we're protecting the doctors and the nurses at the present time in section 14 that they are not required to perform an abortion, it seems appropriate that we also provide the same protection for people that want to apply for medical training course. So I move that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Maresh on this amendment. I've had several calls from constituents in my district where the medical school is also situated in my district that they have funds in the medical school and they are concerned about this situation whether they might be refused to continue their education or refused to graduate if they did not accede to performing abortion. So I would move for the approval of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson, then Senator Barnett.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to add my own approval to this amendment. I think it is necessary, it would be an improvement to the bill and so I urge your support of this particular amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Maresh would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Will you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BARNETT: This, I don't know, may sound like a silly question. I hope it doesn't because I'm real serious. Does this mean that eventually we wouldn't have too many people that are familiar or know how to perform an abortion because they wouldn't be taught this in school or taught this in their