

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President, what we found out on 513 is that if we let 513 go through the way it is now, the hospitals and nursing homes have to have multiple licenses. A nursing home, for example, will have to have a license as a skilled care. Another one for CP1 and another one for CP2, levels of care. Now, there is no sense in making them do that when you have a nursing home, you just well have one license and be done with it. There were two law firms, one in Omaha and one in Lincoln that actually brought up the same objection to the bill. So what we did was we got the two of them together with an attorney by the name of Snowden working for the Health Department and between them they worked an amendment to clarify the language in such a way that the hospitals and nursing homes do not have to get multiple licenses. And that's the purpose of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members. I disagree with the amendment. Particularly if you had an opportunity to look at the amendment. I think it does more than that. I wouldn't disagree with what Senator Goodrich says he's attempting to do, but the Health Department that does issue the license already says that they do not have any problem in this category and can handle it and we're only making the rules in to statutes. But the amendment that he has, I think if you would care to work on it, I'd certainly ask you to look at it very closely. It does more than what he's saying.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Pardon me, Mr. President I move to amendment that to bracket the bill and pass on and get this so we can get some work done.

PRESIDENT: Well, standby, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, will Senator Kennedy respond to a question please?

PRESIDENT: Will Senator Kennedy yield?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Kennedy, will you tell us exactly what this amendment does that I have not talked about?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I guess I've not read the amendment that close.

SENATOR GOODRICH: You've not even read the amendment that close, but you stand on this floor and charge me with trying to pull something over on the Legislature.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I'm not trying...That's not my amendment. I disagreed with you from the start, I think...

SENATOR GOODRICH: You're the one that told...

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, let him answer. You posed the question to him, then let him answer, but the dictation here can't transcribe the dialogue.