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LB 34

for the department, so, Mr. Speaker, I renew my motion to advance LB 34 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan and we are speaking to the motion to advance the bill. Senator Cullan and then Senator Kelly. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Maresh has invested a great deal of time in LB 34. He has researched it very well, worked with the Department of Health and all the individuals concerned to work out the wording and insure that Canada would not be a mechanism or device where unqualified physicians could come into the United States. I think he is very concerned, not only about the quantity of physicians and their placement in the State of Nebraska, but also about the quality of physicians who do come into the state. After the testimony that we have received and looking at the research that Senator Maresh has done relative to the exams in Canada, I certainly have no qualms about passing LB 34 in its current form and I urge you to give favorable consideration to Senator Maresh's proposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, my book does not have a copy of the committee statement. It would be my intention to support LB 34 but I believe we should be a little careful in advancing a bill where we don't have the committee statement in the book.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: I did see a copy from the committee in my office. Maybe Senator Cullan will speak to this. I see he is on the phone but the report is that there was nobody opposing the bill and it passed from committee, seven to zero vote. All the members voted for advancing the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we are waiting for Senator Cullan I will recognize Senator Dworak and then Senator Nichol. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Maresh.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Dworak.