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LB 427

SENATOR DUIS: No, Mr. President, I want to catch the bill when it comes up.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Cullan, did you want to talk about the bill?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all I would say as the bill has been amended the funeral director statutes are not in the bill and so the language on the yellow sheet that you see referring to funeral directors is not a part of the bill. That is part of LB 94 which was sent back to the committee, so this bill, and I repeat, has nothing to do with funeral directors particularly. Okay, second, now I would like to tell you briefly what the bill does do. I told you what it does not do. I will tell you what it does do. LB 427 makes some changes, numerous changes, that was brought to us by the Department of Health, makes numerous changes in the general licensure laws of the State of Nebraska. The Bureau of Examining Boards would be allowed to use computer records and eliminate some requirements that they use, written records and keep them on file, and so forth, allows them to use computers. Secondly, the bill specifies which professions must register in his or her county of practice and which must register at the state level. They set out some dates for renewal of licenses. They provide discretion to the Board of Health with respect to adding lay members to individual Boards of Examiners. This is so that they can keep the numbers of the board small and yet where it is important they can add a lay person for some consumer input. It provides that persons other than those nominated by a professional society can be appointed to an examining board. Now this is because of constitutional problems in allowing, for example, the American Medical Society to nominate people for a board so that you get around some constitutional problems there and do not necessarily depend upon recommendations submitted by professional organizations. You establish criteria for removing an individual from an examining board, provide for a change in the department's investigative authority. You establish an authority to use