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LB 172

I think that is interesting and I think it is unfortunate because that is a very serious matter and something that we need to look at very critically. We have done a lot more this afternoon by adopting these amendments than we know we have and I think that it is in the best interest of the State of Nebraska and ultimately in health care consumers to kill this piece of legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the indefinite postponement of LB 172. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? I am going to record. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I ask for a record vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See pages 1535 and 1536, Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is lost. Is there another motion on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich moves to return LB 172 to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for further study.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, you just heard Senator Cullan tell you about one of the constitutional questions relative to this particular bill. What you are doing or have done, literally, is draft legislation right here on the floor that is extremely complicated. It has to go for approval through the federal HEW process. It is complicated as the devil. The public has not had a chance to have a public hearing on this legislation, and to go one step further, the proponents of the present form of this particular bill wouldn't even let me come to their meeting. We had a hearing at which all the Senators were invited and it was wide-open. They could come to it, voice their objections all they wanted to but they didn't do it. They went ahead and had their private meetings and what I am suggesting is that we had better not be adopting this kind of legislation without having at least a public hearing and a chance to carefully look at the drafting of this particular bill. I strongly urge then that you send it back to the Health and Welfare Committee, let us hold a hearing and we will do it right here in this session and get it back out here in the form that it is at least carefully