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LB 685, 816

that seems to be affected and that is Box Butte County Hospital, and they have a problem with selecting their trustees. I think it is a simple bill. If there is any questions, I would be happy to try and answer them. If not, I would ask that this bill be advanced. There is no amendments. I would move to advance LB 685.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Powers. Senator Powers, you are not on yet. All right, proceed.

SENATOR POWERS: Senator Kennedy, what in your mind was your original intent of restricting membership to one person in that precinct? Was there some reason initially do you know of?

SENATOR KENNEDY:my recollection in discussion testimony that there was...well all your hospitals ordinarily are located so that that is not a problem, but in a sparsely populated situation where the hospital happens to be outside of the city limits, which is an unusual case, so this really was just the wrong wording originally in the law.

SENATOR POWERS: Well, do you think maybe it might be because the hospital was in the town and the people around felt that if too many members were on that board from right around that town they might control the hospital and the people in the hinterlands wouldn't have any input into the operation of the hospital?

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, I don't think there was fear in that case. I am sure I have served on hospital boards and I don't see that at all.

SENATOR POWERS: Thank you.

SENATOR KENNEDY:I would like to have LB 685 advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for Review. Senator Powers, your light is on, do you wish to speak to the bill? Okay. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, Legislative Bill 816.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Ag Committee would like to conduct