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LB 646

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR DE CAMP: We are mandating the offering, not that it has to be included in a policy.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I understand that. Thank you, Senator DeCamp. I just caution the membership that if there is a need for this program, it would seem to me that private industry would provide that need. I am a little bit cautious about mandating to any entity that they provide something that we would hope the people of the State of Nebraska would buy. It seems to me that we are setting a precedent here that could be far-reaching and I question the advisability of starting down that road.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments as explained vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments as distributed and are now found on your desk for LB 646. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Powers, do you want to move the advancement of the bill as amended?

SENATOR POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the advancement of the bill as amended but before I would like to make a comment. This alcoholic treatment I am very close to it. I lectured in treatment centers. I worked with people in alcoholic treatment programs. I know the value of it and, Senator Vickers, this just mandates that the offering be made. Often people have been involved in alcoholic treatment and they thought that they had insurance coverage only to find that they didn't. This would guarantee that a person would know if their policy covers the treatment or not and I urgently ask the passing on of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 646 as amended to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.