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LB 847

and Senator Kelly is the introducer, is that right?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 847, title read. The bill was read on January 22 of this year. It was referred to Public Health. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Cullan's committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there a member of the Health Committee that can explain the committee amendments?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Cullan was here just a minute ago.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, we are on Special Order, item #8, LB 847. We need a motion on the committee amendments to 847.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that the committee amendments to LB 847 be adopted. The purpose of the committee amendments is to provide that the powers and duties of the State Nursing Board will be the same, be the same scope as the other health related professions and occupations. The bill as drafted did usurp some of the representative...responsibilities of the Nursing Board. These amendments restore the professionally related responsibilities of the Board of Nursing with some of the administrative responsibilities of the Board of Nursing being shifted to the Department of Health. The Board of Nursing will set the standards for the School of Nursing under these amendments. The Board of Nursing will make the determination whether applicants for licensure meet qualifications required in Nebraska. The Board of Nursing would continue to have the authority to set the standards for continuing education in Nebraska. The Bureau of Examining Boards, the Department of Health, will be responsible for the administrative operation of the Board of Nursing. This includes the issuance of applications for licenses, the administration of distributing licenses themselves, setting of the fees and determining salaries for the Board of Nursing or administrative employees therein. The Board of Nursing may bring nurses before it to determine whether an investigation should be conducted. However, in keeping with due process standards, if a complaint is filed, the investigatory staff of the Bureau of Examining Boards would conduct the investigation rather than the Board of Nursing conducting the investigation which is currently the practice now. Other committee amendments provide that we would reinstate offenses involving moral