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turpitude as a ground for revocation of licensure. However, such offenses must be professionally related. In addition, appeals are reestablished in the Lancaster County District Court rather than in other courts throughout the state. The title of the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing is changed to the title of Executive Secretary and this is done to avoid confusion as to titles. None of these amendments make changes in the Nurses Practices Act. I repeat, none of the committee amendments make any changes in the Nurses Practices Act. The bill itself made no changes in the act. The bill makes administrative changes only and will have no effect on the actual delivery of nursing services in the State of Nebraska. Most of the changes are administrative in nature. Those explain the committee amendments. I will leave to Senator Kelly the opportunity to explain the bill. Again these amendments came to us, some presented to us at the hearing by interested nurses, other amendments presented to us by the Board of Health or the Department of Health, other amendments presented to us by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, School of Nursing, as far as the education requirements are concerned. With that I would ask you to adopt the amendments, the committee amendments to LB 847.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Kelly, did you want to speak? There are other amendments but we will get to those in a minute if that is all right with you. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, I would speak to the committee amendments. Mr. Speaker, the explanation given on the committee amendments to LB 847 do an excellent job of explaining the bill. The explanation that I would have would be identical to Senator Cullan's explanation of the committee amendments, that basically, there is no changes in the Nurse Practice Act. There is no changes in the State Nursing Board except the Department of Health would hold the revocation of license hearing instead of the Nurses Board. All powers for curriculum, for educational standards, for nurse practice standards, licensing standards, those are all with the State Board of Nursing. These were the intention of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee as it approached moving the Board of Nursing into the Department of Health, Bureau of Standards. The committee amendments are those amendments desired by the Bureau of Standards to line up LB 847 with all of the other statutes that are under the Bureau so that the nurses and their operation would be identical to all of the other health delivery services under the Bureau of Standards. This would