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be the reason that the explanation of the bill would be identical to the explanation of the committee amendments and I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 847. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? This is a vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Kelly, do you want to explain the bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, again the explanation of the bill would be identical to the explanation that Senator Cullan gave for the committee amendments. There is no change in the Nurses Practice Act. There is no change in the Board of Nursing with the exception that the Department of Health would hold the hearings for revocation of licenses rather than the Board of Nursing based on the standard due process procedures that are under the standard administrative procedures. I would talk a little bit, Mr. Chairman, about the reason for the bill, and this would have to do with the hearing held by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee whereby we found a conflict in testimony from the Attorney General and the Governor's Assistant regarding the implementation of the reentry procedures from the Board of Nursing. This caused a hearing with the Board of Nursing appearing before the committee and the following chronology that I have handed out to each individual member of the Legislature is the last five year history of the implementation of the reentry procedures for nurses in Nebraska. Now recognize that LB 847 has no connections with the reentry requirements that would be needed for nurses to reenter the field of nursing or to continue in the field of nursing. Reentry as such has no place in 847. If you approve or disapprove of those procedures has no affect in LB 847. Again this bill is administrative in nature so that from a practical point of view improvement in services for the Board of Nursing would be available to that industry as it is all of the other health providers. The history would go in this nature. LB 422 passed in 1975 by the Legislature to go into effect on January 1, 1980 would require reentry educational or qualifications of nurses should they leave the field of nursing and return. There would be continuing