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LB 260

the Senators tomorrow in the Senators' Lounge. That is tomorrow, Wednesday, February 18th. So be prepared to have your picture taken tomorrow if you want to have an updated picture. Okay, the next bill on General File is LB 260, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 260 was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was originally read on January 16 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Health Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to explain the committee amendments it is necessary for me to give you a brief explanation of the bill and the purpose of the bill. The bill does provide that the county hospital board can select their own treasurer who would not necessarily be the county treasurer. This bill is necessary because an Attorney General's Opinion was issued which said that the county treasurer must indeed be the treasurer for the county hospital board, and that created some problems. It created really a duplication because the hospitals maintain their own financial records and under this provision the county treasurer found himself duplicating the efforts of the county hospital board and maintaining those same records after the Attorney General's Opinion. So the amendments to the bill, however, provide that in counties with 200 to a 1000 or more inhabitants the county treasurer will be the treasurer for the county hospital board. This amendment was requested by Douglas County and as you know in Douglas County the county hospital board is the county board of commissioners, and in that particular case they currently have the county treasurer acting as their treasurer for the hospital board and they wanted it specified in the statute that that would be proper, and so the committee adopted that particular amendment. The committee also adopted an additional amendment which is one that would require accountability, and this amendment requires that the county treasurer...excuse me, the treasurer for the county hospital board submit to the county treasurer monthly a summary of receipts and expenditures so that the county officials, county board of supervisors and others will be knowledgeable as to the expenditures of the county hospital board. That really is...those are