

continuing education requirement that the Performance and Review and Audit Committee recommended for physicians in the State of Nebraska. In addition it deletes the promulgation of sanitary rules and regulations and an inspection process that was suggested in this bill. And, finally, it deletes the requirement that all complaints as far as professional licensure complaints, as far as physicians and so forth are concerned, be referred to the Attorney General. The committee took a consistent point of view as far as all the licensure bills were concerned. I think it was generally the feeling of the Public Health and Welfare Committee that continuing education should not be expanded. This is an area where continuing education requirements do not exist now and the committee did not believe and was not persuaded that continuing education requirements should be put in place as far as physicians are concerned. Secondly, the provisions dealing with sanitation would have provided for inspections of physicians' offices throughout the State of Nebraska as far as sanitation is concerned, and again the Public Health and Welfare Committee saw no need and really looked at this as an unnecessary regulation of physicians' offices throughout the State of Nebraska, and, therefore, deleted that section of LB 448 as well. Again, the committee took the same position on all other health care professionals licensed and all those various other boards that would be...are up for in the sunset process this year and there are five or six, I believe. And, finally, the committee again deleted the requirement that all the complaints had to be filed with the Attorney General. Again, we saw this as unnecessary. There have been very few problems with the way that the Bureau of Examining Boards has operated in the past. We simply saw this as an unnecessary burdensome requirement. With that I would ask the Legislature to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes....Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to this? Okay, we will go on to Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have a question that I would like to have Senator Cullan address, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, will you respond to Senator Marsh's question?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Cullan, is it the physicians' position that they want to have continuing education but not to have it in statute?