

now take up LB 448.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 448, introduced by the Performance Review and Audit Committee and signed by its members. (Read.) The bill was originally read on January 20 of last year. At that time it was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee, Mr. President. The bill was considered by the Legislature on May 26 of last year. We now have pending, Mr. President, committee amendments offered by Senator Cullan's Public Health and Welfare Committee.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Public Health and Welfare Committee adopted three amendments to LB 448 which was presented to us by the, I guess the Performance and Review Audit Committee through the sunset process. The committee deleted the sixteen hours from continuing education that was required under the bill. The physicians in the State of Nebraska currently do not have a continuing education requirement in statute and the profession did not express a need for a formal continuing education process. The committee also deleted a requirement that rules and regulations be promulgated by the Department of Health for the inspection of...for sanitation in physicians' offices. In addition the committee deleted a requirement that physicians' offices be inspected by the Department of Health for sanitation. I think it was the belief of the Public Health and Welfare Committee that there was no evidence presented to the committee that there was a need for employing additional personnel to inspect doctors' offices. Usually if patients go to doctors' offices and they are filthy, they don't go back and so we didn't see a need to employ additional personnel in the State of Nebraska to take care of that and so we deleted that requirement. The final requirement that the committee deleted was one that all complaints or allegations for statutory violations presented to the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery be filed with the Attorney General. Senator Warner has requested a division of the question on this issue when this bill was considered last year and the committee deleted that requirement because they didn't see a need for these complaints to be filed with the Attorney General. Since that time I have learned that the Nebraska Medical Association and others no longer object to, visited with Senator Warner I guess, and no longer object to this requirement but I did want to present the committee amendments to you. So I guess there will be a division of question on the first two amendments will be considered in one package and the third amendment with respect to filing all allegations for statutory violations with the Attorney General will be considered separately.