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LB 370

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the amendment to LB 370 as presented by Senator Koch. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Goll, will you explain your bill please?

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I should first off like to say that this legislation in no way affects the flow into, out of, or through the great State of Nebraska, nor in any way does this legislation allude to capital punishment or certification of teachers, and in no way does it violate or transgress into the area of certificate of need. However, this legislation affects a certain segment of our society and I would like to take this time to tell you about it. LB 370 will initiate certain changes to the private vocational educational act of 1977. As background and for your information, the purpose of this act was to provide protection, education and welfare of the citizens of the State of Nebraska in its private educational institution students and this act initially did five things. Number one, it established minimum standards concerning the quality of education, ethical and business practices, health and safety, and the fiscal responsibility in order to protect against substandard, transient, unethical, deceptive or fraudulent institutions and their practices. Second, this act prohibited the granting of false educational credentials. Number three, it prohibited misleading literature, advertising, solicitation, or representation by institutional educations or their agents. Number four, it provided for the preservation of essential records, and, number five, certain rights and remedies were provided to the consumer and the Nebraska Board of Education to affectuate these purposes. Under the provisions of the state statutes, there are certain educational institutions that are exempt from the provisions of the private vocational educational act of 1977 and one of the purposes of LB 370 is to strike an exemption, this exemption clause which is in the act. This exemption clause says, "Private vocational educational institutions whose total tuitions and fees are less than one hundred and fifty dollars per person per course and which employ not less than fifty percent of the students within four months after completing the course of study;". Now our bill essentially does this. Although we did have a little element of compromise which were indicated by the