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LB 274

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I heartily endorse the DeCamp amendment. I have had some problems with this bill up to this time as some of you know. I have visited with all of the groups that have been concerned about it. I think a compromise has been reached. I think in its present form the bill is now an excellent bill. I urge you to adopt the DeCamp amendment and then move the bill as amended. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, let me read precisely....

PRESIDENT: You just as well close because there is no one else.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is what I am doing, closing...what the amendment I am offering does. The amendment addresses the problem surrounding the differences in licensing law requirements between hospital service corporation agents and other insurance agents as identified by my good friend Senator Barrett. Now the hospital service corporation, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, agents licensing laws as I stated are more comprehensive and include more people than does the general insurance agents licensing law. The amendments that I am offering here attempt to eliminate from the requirements of continuing education those hospital service corporation licensed agents who would generally not even have to be licensed as insurance agents were they agents for a company other than a hospital service corporation. It would exempt those Blue Cross-Blue Shield bank depositor agents who do nothing more than administrative, clerical and referral activities with regard to the hospital service corporation but would not exclude and I repeat, would not exclude, Senator Sieck, those Blue Cross-Blue Shield agents who solicit and accept applications for health insurance. The amendment is satisfactory to Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the independent insurance agents of Nebraska, the professional insurance agents of Nebraska, the Life Underwriters of Nebraska and the Director of the Department of Insurance. I, therefore, recommend that you adopt the amendment and hopefully advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LB 274. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We're voting on the DeCamp amendment to LB 274. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment.

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