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LB 378, 717

SENATOR CULLAN: It is clear to me that what the health planners have done in so ably assisting the Nebraska Legislature in 1979 was to have a system that requires more than twice as many health planners as the State of Missouri which is more than twice as large as the State of Nebraska. That is a little bit out of whack. But at any rate, I think LB 378 is a step in the right direction. It is going to reduce the number of certificate of need applications that need reviewing. I think it is going to make the process more fair and more impartial and I think it is going to force those twenty-two health planners over there, if we still retain all of them, to do a better job and I think that is going to, if anything, is going to make certificate of need work. Finally, I'll be happy to look at the amendments which under Senator Schmit's leadership that we'll bring to the Legislature to provide some other means of providing health cost care containment and if those are reasonable perhaps we can support them at that time and perhaps not, but at any rate I think LB 378 is a step in the right direction. I think it improves certificate of need and I would urge you to advance it at this time.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the advance of LB 378 to E & R for engrossment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Cullan, did you ask for a record vote on this? Did I hear somebody ask? Senator Cullan, did you want a record vote on this? Alright.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 976-977 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 27 ayes, 10 nays, 6 present and not voting, 6 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 378 is advanced to E & R for engrossment. That will conclude the agenda item on Special Order for one hour's limit to debate and we will be ready to take up now the worksheet order for a thirty minute limit, commencing with, shown LB 305 I might indicate. Senator Beutler has requested the Speaker to pass over and the Speaker announces that will go down to the bottom of the file. So we are ready then, unless you have some matters to read in, Mr. Clerk? Do you have anything to read in?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have one item. Senator Nichol asks unanimous consent to expedite 717.

PRESIDENT: All right, request to expedite 717. So ordered, Senator Nichol. All right, we are ready then for LB 208, Mr. Clerk.