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LB 449

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 449 was on Final Reading. On February 11 Senator Warner had made a motion to return the bill for a specific amendment. That motion prevailed, and we now have the amendment before us, Mr. President. Senator, do you want to...okay, we need to readvance the bill and then return it again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first motion is to readvance the bill, LB 449. All those in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion is carried. The bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Clark would now move to return LB 449 to Select File for a specific amendment, and I believe it is the amendment that is found on page 820 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I have the amendment that was prepared by Senator Warner, but Senator Warner is not here, he is down in the Budget Committee and asked me to take this amendment. What this does, this is the same thing and it is on your desk right now. I had it distributed on there. What it does is say what a prescription for a contact lens is and who can fit the contact lens. That is a professional, either an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, either one, or anyone that is an oculist that is in their offices or under direct supervision can do this, but they cannot do it if they are not under the direct supervision of either an optometrist or an oculist... or an ophthalmologist. That is all the amendment does. I would move to have the bill returned for the specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I would support Senator Clark's move to return the bill for the specific amendment. The problem as I understand it that is in some instances prevalent is that once a prescription is given to an individual to go fill for a contact lens even though they may be given a particular place to go, once that individual walks out the office door they may go to whomever they so desire. That individual may or may not be properly prepared to fit those lenses and in the interest of the patient and the care for those people with eye problems that this amendment is directed towards. I would support the move to return for the specific amendment.