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LB 449

SENATOR LAMB: LB 717 passes with the emergency clause attached. Will the Clerk please read LB 449.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SENATOR LAMB: Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Vickers would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, and the Vickers amendment is found on page 1066 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that is on page 1066 is an amendment very similar to the amendment offered by Senator Clark a few weeks ago, with one exception, there is a change in the last line as far as the expiration date is concerned. It was my belief that the expiration date should be under the control of the person issuing the prescription. If the prescription was kept under the control of that person, then there was no need for an expiration date. If, on the other hand, the prescription was given to the patient or given to a third person, then an expiration date should be included, and that is the main difference in this amendment and the one of a few days ago. The other questions relating to this amendment I am sure many of you have thought about and understand and I just would ask for the body's assistance in moving LB 449 back to Select File for this specific amendment and then we can adopt the amendment at that time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.
Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to rise in opposition to Senator Vickers' amendment. If my understanding of this amendment is correct, and perhaps Senator Vickers or Senator Clark or other proponents of this amendment can correct me if I am wrong, this would extend a form of regulation to opticians in the State of Nebraska which in some cases would deprive opticians of up to 40 or 50 percent of their current business in fitting contact lenses. I have a particularly competent optician whose offices are in my legislative district, a gentleman named Don Torrison who is in his early sixties, was an expert witness for me in a trial. I know that Mr. Torrison is very competent. Ever since