

March 14, 1985

LB 209, 250

Senator Smith. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk. Have you all voted? Please record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 209.

PRESIDENT: LB 209 is advanced. LB 250.

CLERK: Mr. President, 250 was a bill that was introduced by Senator...excuse me, by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 17, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, the committee amendments are an attempt to clarify the intent of the bill. The bill is a change in the way in which we have continuing education monitored by the Department of Health. Right now we have gone to biannual licensure of a lot of these health professions and as a result the continuing education requirements that they have are usually annual and so the bill basically changes those annual to biannual continuing education requirements. There is certain waivers that are allowed under the committee amendments to these individuals because of the situation when you go from annual to biannual and you don't allow somebody to practice for whatever reason you need to have some stricter waiver requirements and make those clear to people so that they don't go two years without being able to practice if they don't have their continuing education. So the waiver requirements are clarified for the department. The Board of Optometry came to us and they were concerned about reciprocity and the optometry educational requirements and so we clarified that reciprocity for the optometrists. And that is the committee amendments and I ask your adoption for them.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 250. Is there further discussion? If not, the motion is to adopt. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 250. Anybody wish to vote on LB 250 to advance it? The Clerk will record.