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the plastic containers are more safe than the metal...or safer than the metal containers and in terms of explosiveness they have not had any problems with explosions all across the country. Simply it's a matter that would allow the Fire Marshall to update these rules and regulations and I would move for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, I rise to support the bill. I think it's high time we did it and I appreciate Senator Chizek's handling the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 441? If not, the motion is to advance the bill from General File. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 441.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails and the bill is advanced. LB 578.

CLERK: Mr. President, 578 offered by Senator Lynch. (Title read.) The bill was first read on January 22, referred to Health and Welfare for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 578 is a simple bill again which requires the same standards for out-of-state pharmacies doing business in Nebraska as the state requires for the pharmacies already residing and doing business in Nebraska. The bill authorizes the Department of Health to establish and adopt rules and regulations. It also provides that the out-of-town pharmacies have to register with the Bureau of Examining Boards to do business in Nebraska. You might ask why? Quickly, I would like to mention a couple of things. First of all it is difficult, sometimes impossible, for mail order pharmacies to provide medication for acute illnesses such as antibiotics or bacterial infections. Regularly local pharmacists are sought out by patients asking for just a few pills so they can get by until their mail order prescriptions arrive. Now in some cases prescriptions can