

assistants to carry on as they have in the past, with the exclusion that they would not be allowed to prescribe in the Schedule II area.

PRESIDENT: We are talking now on the Conway amendment. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. I'd just rise to support the Conway amendment. Again, we did have negotiations, discussion about that particular provision. If you look at the bill there was only one group opposing, and that was the pharmacists. They needed to work out their concerns. This amendment will do that. So I ask your support for the amendment as well.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Conway amendment? If not, the motion is to adopt the Conway amendment. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. We are voting on the adoption of the Conway amendment to his bill, LB 132. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Now we have the bill amended. Senator Conway, do you wish to make a statement?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, I think that, given the amendments that have been made to this bill, it is a quality bill that addresses the health care concerns of Nebraska. Given the wide geographic dispersion of our health care facilities, particularly in the rural areas, we are very dependent upon this type of activity to allow us a bit of stronger manpower in the area of health care. In my district, as well as some of the fellow senators who have signed on to this bill and others that I spoke with, they recognize the value of the physician's assistants providing that additional manpower force in the health care area. So, with that, I strongly urge the adoption of LB 132.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is another one of those good ideas, that we started a dozen or so years ago, that has proven to be very beneficial