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LB 253

I hope you all can sign. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Anything further for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Now we proceed to LB 253.

CLERK: Senator Hall, I have E & R amendments, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (See Wesely amendment found on pages 1319-1322 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 253 is a bill that deals with the section of law that also deals...is also dealt with another bill, LB 248. When we asked the Speaker to make LB 253 a priority bill, we asked him with the understanding that on Select File we would ask to amend LB 248 into LB 253. So that is what the amendment before you would do. LB 248, if you look in your bill book, is a bill supported by the Department of Health, the community health agencies, the Nebraska Health Care Association, the Nebraska Hospital Association. This bill, LB 248, is a cleanup bill, an attempt to provide some more flexibility for the Department of Health in establishing their rules and regulations. Right now there is a waiver provision provided in nursing homes so that if there is, for instance, a regulation that is too restrictive but doesn't make any sense for a certain nursing home, there is a waiver right if the health of the citizens and those individuals in the nursing home are protected. This same waiver provision, under LB 248, and now as an amendment to LB 253 would be provided to hospitals and other health care facilities. So