

CLERK: Mr. President, 305 was a bill introduced by Senators Nelson and Higgins. (Read title.) Read on January of last year, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. There are Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments. Is that...Senator Nelson, can you handle the committee amendments?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, since Senator DeCamp and Senator Haberman are not here.

PRESIDENT: If you would, please.

SENATOR NELSON: What this policy does is it was mandated in 1979 that on the Medicare supplemental policies that it would carry coverage in skilled nursing home and skilled nursing home care is simply not available in most areas of Nebraska. I even have a little later update than my original testimony but of the beds available there are 699 out of 2,798. Well, then there is a Medicaid approved bearer, and I won't complicate the bill but it simply...in 1984 there were 428 beds utilized as skilled nursing home care out of 18,700 and this...Nebraska is the only state that has it and it eliminates the extended care mandatory endorsement and makes it optional. And the elderly were simply paying for something that was not available and the committee amendments are that the committee would require that if Medicare supplemental insurance policy does not provide coverage for skilled nursing home care which would be made optional by LB 305, then the fact that such coverage is not included in the policy shall be disclosed in writing to any prospective insured. And that is the committee amendments. I move for the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Is there discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the motion is to adopt them. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 305. Please record your vote. Have you all voted on the adoption of the committee amendments? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.