

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We advanced 895 previously, jump to LB 318

CLERK: Mr. President, 318 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Wesely and Senator Peterson. (Read title.) The bill was read in January of last year. It was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee. (Standing Committee amendments are found on page 582 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, are you going to take the amendments?

SENATOR PETERSON: I think Senator Wesely is on his way up, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you. We'll wait for him a moment.

SENATOR PETERSON: Here he is.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, let me try and catch my breath. LB 318...I'm in good shape, I'll tell you, running up and down like this. LB 318 was introduced by Senator Peterson and myself. Totally took the outdated statutes relating to cosmetology and tried to merge them into one piece of legislation that was uniform and standardized in terms of language. We had an interim study and worked with a number of different groups and came up with amendments that are pretty substantial to the bill. One of the big things that we changed, that I feel pretty good about, in the committee is that the Cosmetology Board would continue to be a member of the Bureau of Examining Boards. Originally in the bill they proposed being removed and placed separate from the Bureau of Examining Boards. So that is one big change that the committee would put them back under the bureau. We also deleted, Senator Hall will appreciate this, the term "Arts and Sciences" from the Board of Cosmetology. They were going to call themselves the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences, but we felt maybe they weren't particularly in arts and science, so that is changed in the committee amendments. We also changed, the committee amendments so that school owners would only have two seats, instead of three, of the seven-member board.