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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would Senator Haberman respond to a question, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, would you respond, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Rex, this may well be a good provision to put in that bill because you remember a couple of years ago when we had the insurance agents come in and request the same thing, an extension of one year before the continuing education even went into effect. One of the things that brought that to our attention was the fact that a particular insurance agent had gone through heart surgery and that sort of thing and was having a real hard time during a period of that year in which to qualify. So consequently, if this provision had been in that particular statute, which it isn't even in this one, but if it had been, then the board, itself, could have waived the requirement for continuing education for that particular person and solved that problem, but instead they didn't have that provision and, consequently, we had to pass a bill in here extending it for one year for everybody. Well, this particular feature would at least cover it for the health care people so that if they ran into that kind of situation they could waive it for that particular person if they felt that person was qualified to continue for the two-year period before they had to meet the qualifications. I think you will find, Rex, when you really look at this thing that it is a good feature to have in the bill, and it is the board, itself, that makes the decision so, consequently, they are not going to do this on a wholesale lot unless there is some real justification like getting a whole course certified or something like that. They can waive it for that particular course, that type of thing. I agree with Senator Wesely that this is a good feature to have in the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I get to answer it, don't I?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, answer it, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: With your dissertation and with Senator Wesely's dissertation, I will support it and we will see what happens. Thank you, Mr. President.