

PRESIDENT: LB 248.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 248 is a bill introduced by the...

SENATOR KREMER: I'm sorry, but we're going to have to go over this one too. There is a lot of opposition come in on that since last year that we're going to have to take care of before we can resolve that. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT: That's fine. All right. We're over that one. 535.

CLERK: Mr. President, (Read title to LB 535). Mr. President, the bill was first read on April 13, 1977. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, Senator Newell was the one that brought this to the Committee. I think it wouldn't be fair for him to be here to defend the bill in case there were any questions asked, so I think we should pass that one over. It's a good bill, but ...

PRESIDENT: There are no amendments then, Senator?

SENATOR MARESH: No, Mr. President, there are no amendments to this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Newell brought this to us and the Labor Department supported this too. It deregulates certain agencies and it also allows orders to be taken by phone from employers and the new language gives the Commissioner the power to revoke for up to one year so that he can give less severe punishment in cases that warrant special consideration. This bill had no opponents and the proponents were Senator Newell and Les Zangut of the Nebraska Management Recruitment Association. This is a compromise between the Labor Department and the Employment Agencies so I move that this bill be advanced from General File to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would Senator Maresh yield to a question? I haven't had a chance to reread this bill this particular session. The question I have in mind though is does this deregulate the booking agents for entertainment type booking agents?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, that's the purpose for it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Is that the only thing it does?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, that's one and then it also allows orders to be taken by phone instead of a written order.

SENATOR GOODRICH: On theatrical booking agents?

SENATOR MARESH: No, I think it applies to all agencies.