

defining veterans of World War I who would be eligible for state benefits. There is a situation which has arisen in Nebraska. We have a person here in the state who was a resident of Nebraska at the time that World War I broke out but was not a naturalized citizen. That person was recruited by our allies in the Polish army to fight in World War I against the Germans. When he came back after the war, he was naturalized and became a U.S. citizen. The federal law, which was passed in 1976, allowed these persons to receive Veterans Administration benefits. Therefore, this gentleman, who is now in his eighties, may receive medical treatment at the V.A. Hospital in Grand Island. However, when he gets out of the hospital in Grand...V.A. Hospital in Grand Island, he is precluded from entering the Veterans Home in Grand Island because of the provision in the Nebraska law which I am trying to change with this amendment. I ask you to support the amendment. These World War I veterans, who fought on our side in attempting to preserve our freedoms, are deserving of our assistance. I cannot believe that there are more than three or four people in the entire state who will be affected by this change. And I added the emergency clause because those who would be affected are already in their eighties and nineties. I urge the adoption of the amendment to LB 626.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, the gentleman from Bellevue, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I simply rise to support the amendment of Senator Labeledz, and so I would like to have you vote in favor of this amendment. I think it's a worthwhile amendment. She brought it to my attention the other day and I view it as a friendly amendment. So I move for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Any closing, Senator Labeledz? If not, shall the amendment to 626 offered by Senator Labeledz be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Labeledz's amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.