

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, will you handle the committee amendments?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendment would strike the requirement in the bill that the committee hold four meetings per year and they would go back to the current statute which requires one meeting per year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments to 456, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Back to the bill itself, the member from Hastings, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Contrary to what the bill says in its one-liner, I think it refers to it as expanding the Department on Aging Advisory Committee. It does not do that. It simply revises the structure of the committee to more closely correspond with the current service environment of the aging network. Currently, it's divided into five districts with the Governor appointing ten of the members from the five statutorily created districts, two from each of those and then two from the state at large. LB 456 would do away with those five districts, make it become more current by making them align with the present structure of the aging network, which is eight areas on aging, and then the same number of people would be selected. Instead, you would have eight, one from each of those districts, that were appointed with the recommendation of each area agency, and the four other remaining members to be appointed at large by the Governor, along with the eight recommendations from the eight area agencies. I would also comment that the section that dealt with increasing the number of required meetings to be four annual meetings...or four meetings annually, has now been decreased back to the original one and there would be no A bill then. I ask for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, shall LB 456 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.