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LB 1019, 1183

opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely, would you like to open on the bill itself?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. As I mentioned before, this makes a number of changes in statutes the Health Department needs dealing with mandates from the federal government and mandates under other provisions of law dealing with fees, dealing with wholesale drug distribution, and I would ask for its advancement; but, I know we have one more amendment at least pending, so.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Clerk, amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Senator Wesely, I had a note...you had AM3532 with a note you wanted to withdraw. Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (See AM3366 on page 1522 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair and members. This amendment is found in the Journal on page 1522, and the amendment is actually LB 1183, which I introduced earlier this year. It had, of course, a committee hearing. There was no opposition at the hearing and it was unanimously advanced from the committee. Nobody appeared in opposition. Doctor Horton supported the bill. The intent of this amendment is to provide clear authority for all public hospitals, whether they be county, district or municipal, to acquire or build medical office buildings or clinics and lease such buildings to physicians or other groups of health care practitioners. So this amendment would allow the governing boards of these public hospitals the flexibility needed to enhance rural health care. In the rural areas we had trouble finding health care professionals who are willing to risk their own...own funds in building these facilities, and I have a situation in my district where this county hospital would like to lease facilities to some physicians but is currently prevented from doing that. So I'd ask that this amendment would be adopted.