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269, 278, 278A, 313, 317, 346, 582, 814  
LR 1

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 103 (sic LB 104), LB 105, LB 126, LB 128, LB 128A, LB 162, LB 179, LB 268, LB 278, LB 278A, LB 313, LB 317, and LR 1CA as correctly engrossed. Natural Resources reports LB 103 to General File with amendments. General Affairs reports LB 814 to General File; LB 582, indefinitely postponed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 642-644.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 346, a bill by Senator Robak. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0044, Legislative Journal page 446.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Robak, you are recognized to open on LB 346.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, LB 346 was advanced from the Health and Human Services Committee on a 7 to 0 vote and did not have any opposition at the hearing. This bill would add a continuing education requirement for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in obtaining and renewing their state license to practice. Occupational therapists would be required to complete 20 hours of continuing education, while occupational therapy assistants would have to complete 15 hours of continuing education biennially. Currently, 35 states, including Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Minnesota, have continuing education requirements in place. The Board of Occupational Therapy Practice would be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill, this would be with the approval of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. This bill was brought to me by the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association and is