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LB 385.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, do you have items?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources reports LB 94 to General File with amendments; LB 143, General File with amendments; LB 164, General File with amendments; and your Committee on Health and Human Services reports LB 54 to General File with amendments, those reports signed by the committee Chairs. I have notice of hearings from the Retirement Systems Committee, from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, and from Natural Resources. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 398-402.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with General File. Mr. Clerk, first.

CLERK: LB 213, Mr. President, a bill by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, at that time it was referred to Health and Human Services. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the advancement of LB 213.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, LB 213 is a technical bill that deletes an outdated reference in existing law to licensed practical nurses certified, LPN-Cs they're referred to. The bill removes references to the insertion of nasogastric tubes by LPN-Cs. There was testimony at the committee hearing on a bill that when LPN-Cs act was passed in 1993 the insertion of a nasogastric, or NG, tubes were not part of the standard LPN training curriculum. An extra certification, therefore, was required by LPNs to perform that activity. Since then, the insertion of NG tubes has been added to the basic LPN curriculum and is approved by the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, but current law only allows for the insertion of NG