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LR 59

SENATOR CUDABACK:      LB 588 does advance.      Items for the record,  
Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they've examined and engrossed LB 546, and find the same correctly engrossed, LB 546A. New resolution, LR 59, by Senator Byars; that will be laid over. I have a Reference report referring a certain gubernatorial appointee for confirmation hearing. Your Committee on Banking, chaired by Senator Mines, reports LB 589 to General File with amendments. New A bill. (Read LB 111A by title for the first time.) And an amendment to LB 675 to be printed by Senator Langemeier. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 877-882.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with General File. Mr. Clerk, LB 382.

CLERK: LB 382, by Senator Jensen, relates to drugs. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 12 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0702, Legislative Journal page 747.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, to open on LB 382.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, LB 382, as introduced, relates to prescription drugs and the practice of pharmacy. It's a very important measure, so important that the committee asked that this be one of its priority bills to present to this Legislature. The bill does several things, but probably the most significant things is it authorizes faxed prescriptions. It is a very important issue in our technology, advanced culture, and one that impacts practitioners, pharmacies, and patients alike. As a personal note, two years ago I went to an orthopedic doctor because of a knee situation I have that I will get a new knee right after the session, but the doctor gave me two prescriptions, one for some