

April 18, 1979

LB 172

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Schmit amendments to the committee amendments. It takes a majority of those voting. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on the adoption of the amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendments to the committee amendments are adopted. Now the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as amended. All those in favor of that motion, the adoption of the committee amendments as amended vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays on the adoption of the amended committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, motion before the House.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan moves to indefinitely postpone LB 172.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this is a most serious motion to indefinitely postpone LB 172 and I make it fully aware of the fact that the State of Nebraska may lose federal funds if this piece of legislation does not pass. I would point out that the State of Idaho has not passed certificate of need legislation in this session, and if they do not meet next session, there will be other states, if we do indefinitely postpone this legislation, there will be other states in a similar situation with respect to federal government. But the amendments to the committee amendments have put me in a position in opposition to the bill which was sponsored by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Some of the things that are contained in this bill may actually have an adverse effect on controlling health care costs in the State of Nebraska and I am an individual who believes that it is better to have no bill than a bad bill and I believe the current form of legislative bill 172 is unacceptable. There are some technical problems with the bill as far as language and so forth but there are some philosophical issues that we need to talk about as well. I believe that LB 172 as it has been adopted will result in the day to day regulation of hospitals and nursing homes and health care facilities in the State of Nebraska because of Senator Hoagland's amendment #4. I believe that this bill with its provisions on modification of facilities, on doctors offices, on consultation with the health systems agencies, on reasons to reject