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LB 95

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and the committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Cullan, would you explain the bill? Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I believe we have another amendment pending on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there another amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan moves to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Cullan amendment. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, this is the amendment which was distributed to you previously. The amendment does two things. The first amendment makes a number of technical procedural changes in the bill and it also streamlines the procedure for the medications that we were talking about earlier. The current procedure is that most of these individuals receive their prescriptions actually from the regional center pharmacies and that is the most economical way for these individuals to receive these drugs. So this simply sets out in more detail what the procedure will be for these individuals, indigent individuals, who apply for prescriptions to have their medications filled by the State of Nebraska. The reason that we used the regional center pharmacy is that it is more economical and they already have the financial information and other information on these individual patients so that should reduce the paperwork. This amendment came to us from the Department of Public Institutions but it is consistent with the intent that the State of Nebraska pay for these medications for these indigent patients. The second amendment is a technical amendment which simply corrects a reference inside the bill so that we know...just a drafting amendment. I would urge you to adopt that amendment to LB 95.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Cullan amendment to LB 95? If not, I guess, Senator Cullan, that is your opening and your closing so the motion is the adoption of the Cullan amendment to LB 95. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The Cullan amendment. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes 0 nays on the adoption of the Cullan amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Cullan amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?