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LB 487

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: No closing, so the question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 487. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Schmit amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Schmit amendment is adopted. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Mr. President, Senators Wesely and Vard Johnson now move to amend the bill, Request #2430.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment has been the result of a longstanding negotiation that we have undertaken, Senator Johnson and myself and the Department of Health and Welfare. And as you recall, LB 487 intended initially to deal with the primary question of who inspects and regulates boarding homes in the State of Nebraska. There was a serious problem with Ag Department, the Welfare Department and the Health Department all not certain who was supposed to be doing what, and as a result, not much was being done. So we sat down with the three departments, we took out a number of functions the Ag Department didn't want to do anyway. We sat down between Health and Welfare and finally worked out this amendment which defines more carefully what exactly the facilities we are going to be regulating are going to be. We insert what is called the "domiciliary care facility", which would be between boarding homes and what would be called "residential care facilities" and what it does is recognize a little clearer the continuum of care concept we have for individuals that are in need of such assistance. What we are looking at is supervised care for disabled individuals and what have you. So this amendment is the result of a long negotiation between Welfare and Health Departments. They have agreed to it and it would help clarify the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Wesely-Johnson amendment to LB 487? Senator Wesely, I guess that is the opening and closing. All those in favor of the Wesely-Johnson amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Wesely-Johnson amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Wesely-Johnson amendment

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