

I recall a trip I went to to a water conference in San Francisco one of the three or four times I left the state. I went to a water conference there and there were a large number of attorneys from the State of Wyoming that were registered for this conference and Wyoming requires continuing education for the attorneys and so all these people registered for the conference, they paid their fee and they enjoyed themselves in San Francisco for three days and about half of the number of the people that were supposed to be at this important water conference were out at Fisherman's Wharf and wherever having lunch and whatever else you do in San Francisco and at the end of the conference they all got their certificate that they mailed back to the State of Wyoming telling that they had been there and they had taken this water course and they had learned water law and they had met their continuing education requirement. Well I'm sure any of you who have been to similar conferences have seen the same thing. It is a joke. If somebody wants to keep their professional skills up, they are going to keep them up. If somebody doesn't want to keep their professional skills up, they are not going to. So why should we go through the administrative process of this silly continuing education process? The physicians just don't see a need for that and they recognize that most of the people are going to keep their skills up anyway and they shouldn't have to go to these approved courses around the country. So that is my philosophy and I think that the committee heard similar testimony from other people and that is why we were opposed to imposing continuing education on another profession. I hope that the attorneys never get into this silliness because we don't need tax deductible junk that's required on us every year.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the adoption of the amended committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye. All opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? The adoption of the committee amendments to 449 (sic.). 448, pardon me. Have you all voted? It takes 25 votes. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amended committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now we are on the bill. Senator Cullan. Senator Warner, did you want to take the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 448 be re-advanced as amended. This is one of the sunset bills. Hopefully we are getting about to the last year of these.