

needed to go back and change our Medicare Supplement Insurance Act to reflect appropriate language. Changes in this bill include clarifying internal references, prohibiting Medicare and supplemental insurance policies from containing benefits which duplicate benefits provided by Medicare, to require the Director of Insurance to issue rules and regs to establish minimum standards for claim payments, marketing practices, compensation arrangements and reporting practices for these kinds of insurance and to repeal language regarding compensation of agents because such regulation will be covered in rules and regs required by the new language of Section 44-3605. This is a Department of Insurance bill. It's meant to put appropriate law in Nebraska statutes to regulate the sale of Medicare supplement insurance and to reflect changes made necessary because of the repeal of the Catastrophic Health Insurance Act at the federal level. I move for its advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of LB 983. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Landis, what do you think?

SENATOR LANDIS: Ummmm, I think I'm a happy man.

PRESIDENT: Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 983.

PRESIDENT: LB 983 advances. Skip back up to LB 906, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 906 was a bill introduced by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) The bill was referred to Natural Resources, Mr. President, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, LB 906 is a bill which resulted from passage of, I believe, 474 a number of years ago which allowed mandating of certain conservation treatments on land by certain landowners if a complaint was filed by an adjoining landowner relative to erosion problems. At the time we mandated at least 5 percent of the funds in the Soil and