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LB 244, 444

SENATOR WILL: I would just urge the advancement of LB 444 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 444. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of LB 444? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 444.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 444 is advanced. I would now like to direct your attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Robinson are 42 fourth graders from the Lyons-Decatur Public Schools and their teachers. Welcome to the Chambers. Mr. Clerk, we will proceed with LB 244.

CLERK: Madam President, 244 was introduced by Senator Schellpeper. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to Health, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, this is an important bill and shouldn't be controversial, should just take a couple of minutes. The committee amendments deal with the...what the bill basically deals with is a waiver provision under the OBRA act that had various requirements for staffing of nursing facilities across the country. Senator Schellpeper can get into his bill but what we need to do is adopt the committee amendments which update the definition of these nursing long-term care facilities so that they would be the most current and adopt those into the statutes. With that, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam President, I would just support the committee amendments. I think they're amendments that help the bill. They're mainly just technical but I would support the amendments. Thank you.