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variety of rules. This allows for some uniformity of standards. And I believe that most everyone is very comfortable with doing this. And, again, I want to thank Senator Wesely and Senator Byars for their work on this. And I would support the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Byars, did you wish to speak now? Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I think that Senator Byars and Senator Kristensen are exactly right. When this bill came to the Health Committee it was a very controversial bill. If you'll look in the bill book you'll see that there was a lot of opposition to this bill, and I think by having Senator Byars really go back and work out this compromise, the bill now is in a good form. It's going to help health care and the residents of Nebraska to achieve better health care. And I think that being able to get this compromise is going to help everyone. So I really support the amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Anyone else wishing to address the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Byars, would you like to close on the committee amendments? Waives closing. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 428. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are on LB 428. Senator Kristensen, would you like to open on the bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just real briefly, there are over 300 utilization companies like this in the United States today. Again, we'll be open for any questions, if you have any. The committee amendments really were the bill. The statements that were made on the committee amendments really, I think, cover the subject