

increased oversight, professionalism and licensure for these individuals. I would urge adoption of this amendment to LB 406 and thank Senator Wesely for his work and his willingness to allow this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. The question before the body is the adoption of the Hall amendment to LB 406. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Hall's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Hall amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Wesely, AM1346. Once again you'll find it printed in your bill book separately, AM1346.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. This amendment comes to you on behalf of Nebraska Pharmacists. There's a letter that I've distributed that goes through what the bill does, it's based on LB 404. And it essentially does a number of things. First off, the retention, it deals with different controlled substances and the schedules that we have for controlled substances and allows for some of the...some of those that are not as dangerous to be allowed to be transmitted via fax, which is again a change that's occurred in technology and federal regulations have also come forward on this point. So that would be one of the key provisions of this. Retention of records for controlled substances are being increased from two to seven years. And actually it's a pharmacy, although we're asking the pharmacy to retain these longer, it's at their request. They feel that this would be something they do now and want to do in order to be sure that if there's any questions in the future they have the records available to answer those questions. We talk about the terminal illness, Schedule II drugs, and prescriptions for those don't have to be filled totally, they can be partial quantities so that again there may be some cost-savings involved there that the pharmacists have in mind. We do have some clarifying amendments dealing with the different drug schedules. We do this almost every year and the federal government, the FDA sets the drug schedules. And what