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LB 174, 563

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion on the E & R amendments? Senator Crosby, do you wish to speak to the E & R amendment? Seeing none, the question before you is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 563. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Day would move, Senator, I have AM1511 in front of me. (See pages 1652-54 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. This amendment has been passed out to you and should be on your desk. To remind you, this is a very technical bill that addresses all aspects of the nursing practice. We amended the bill in Health and Human Services to fix some of the problems in the language, and this is really a technical amendment that furthers some of the fixing of languages, the language. One of the big problems in this seem to be between the words "delegate" and "designate" and, hopefully, between the nursing groups, they have gotten this solved. The groups that worked on this were the Nebraska Nurses Association, Nebraska Health Care Association, and the Board of Nursing, and the Nebraska Hospital Association. So, again, this does not change the scope of the bill, but it mainly changes the language. However, we did add in there the bill, LB 174, that was heard in Health and Human Services and moved out, and this one is to add a nurse to the Board of Health. This brings the Board of Health up to 17 members, and if you look at the sheet that was passed out, you can see that nurses, by far, are the largest licensed group in Nebraska, and to give them two representatives on the Board of Health. This was a bill that Senator Wesely brought before us in Health and Human Services and moved out with no opposition. So with that, I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Day. Senator Crosby, to speak to the Day amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just have two very quick questions, Senator Day. I want to be sure, and I think, from what you said, there is nothing in this bill or the amendment that enlarges the scope of practice?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Day.