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LB 496, 1108A

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 1108A to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion is to adopt 1108A. Those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed nay. The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. LB 496, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 496. No E & R. Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (AM3852 is found on page 1321 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 496 is a very important bill establishing a Parkinson's registry. There was some concerns expressed on the General File stage from the medical profession and from the pharmacists about how, in fact, the reporting would be handled. And so, we did sit down and work with them and this is the compromise amendment that we have, which I think should remove any opposition to the bill. It deals with the question of reporting and liability for reporting and we provide for physicians and pharmacists that they shall not be liable in terms of reporting under this, but we do maintain the requirement that they do report. We recognize some clarification of what, exactly, has to report...be reported by the pharmacists. And, again, good faith reporting of the information and an immunity from liability is what we provide in here. And finally, we also put a sunset on this that if we don't have, by the year 2002, requests for two years in the registry for research on this, then the registry would go away. So, if it's...if the registry is put in place and it isn't being utilized, it would terminate six years from now. With that, I'd ask for adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Discussion on the Wesely amendment. Senator Matzke.