

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

February 2, 1999 LB 474

record. You have, it's the same way in retail. We're governed by the same...same bureau, and I know if my store is in good shape when they come and do the inspection, why that gives them a little more...they won't come quite as often, and it gives them more time to concentrate on the ones where they know there is a problem. So I think that's what they're...in just looking at the bill, this is what, it gives them a little flexibility to spend more time in areas where they feel they need to be and allows them a little flexibility in the areas or the business establishments that are usually a good place. And they know these, I've worked with inspectors for almost 40 years, and they know which places are suspicious and which ones are usually right up to snuff. So I believe that...I think that's what they're trying to get in some flexibility to spend more time in the problem areas and not have to go there every six months, the ones where they generally are in good shape. I'm...that's the thinking that I have behind this. Senator Dierks, would that be...would you anticipate would happen, too, it would be...give them more flexibility to go to the areas that need the attention? I am asking that, if Senator Dierks would respond to that, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah, I think that's right. The act provides for what they call risk-based inspection frequency, and the department believes it is unnecessary to call those low-risk establishments every six months. So they have that...they have that authority. It's part of the 1997 act, allows them to do risk-based inspection frequency in low-risk establishments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I think that that...that they're probably doing that now and this puts it in the statute so that they would be in compliance with the statute. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Janssen. There are no other lights on. Senator Dierks, did you wish to close on LB 474. Closing is waived. The issue before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 474. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 474.