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SENATOR LANDIS: I'll waive closing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Closing is waived. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 99. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. For discussion on the advancement of LB 99, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, Senator Schimek, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I notice that one of the opponents represented the pharmaceutical association, the Pharmacists Association. What was their objection and that I guess? It seems like you have a reasonable approach here with what you're doing. I just...I was just curious as I looked at the committee statement, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: What the pharmacists wanted and what I didn't know ahead of time before the committee hearing, and I'm not sure it would have made a great deal of difference, but what they wanted was to be included for certification. They have...apparently their national organization does certify for diabetic education and, in fact, there are two pharmacists in the state, and only two, that are certified by their organization. Both of them are affiliated with hospitals, as I understand it.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hum.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There are no pharmacists who are certified under the American Diabetic Association. I guess if it...if it came up at a later date it would be another point for discussion, but we, also as Senator Suttle just mentioned in her