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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Crosby, you're recognized on your motion to LB 722.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Very quickly, Denny Byars joined me in bringing this amendment at the request of the private providers in several of the regions, on this particular bill. And the reason for the amendment is that they want some assurance in the statute and also in the rules and regulations that the providers would continue to make employment decisions without those decisions being overcome by the Health and Human Services. Department of Health and Human Services is in agreement with this, has no intention of becoming involved with such employment decisions. The responsibility and liability continues to rest with the provider and not with HHS. This amendment clarifies this intent and gives some assurances to the providers that that would be the case as we go along. So if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them. Otherwise, I'll just ask for your support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Seeing no lights, you're recognized to close. Senator Crosby waives closing. The question is the adoption of Amendment 1117 to LB 722. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Crosby's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move to advance LB 722 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the advancement of LB 722. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The ayes have it. The bill is advanced.