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LB 819

(Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM3133, Legislative Journal page 1457.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on LB 819.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I introduced LB 819 least year at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. In part, the bill contains recommendations from the Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000, or NCR 2000 Task Force created by LB 183 back in 1997. The bill as introduced was a substantial rewrite of state law relating to licensing of health care facilities and health care services. We did have a hearing last year. We had a rehearing again this year, and that was held by the committee earlier this year. Both times the providers, the stakeholders were present, had great deal of difficulty with the bill. And the committee statement briefly outlines the general provisions of the bill which I won't describe in detail because the committee amendment will become the bill. I do want to thank the department and all those that worked on NCR 2000, the many trips to the Bill Drafters Office and the work that they've done up there on the committee amendment, and just all of the individuals who have participated in this. There were many, many meetings, lots of discussion, to bring us to the committee amendment. And I'd like to go on now and introduce that committee amendment which will become the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendment becomes the bill. It is essentially a revision of an update of current law in Sections 71-2017 to 71-2029, and the related services dealing with the licensure of health care facilities and health care services. The amendment establishes a separately-named act, called the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, and incorporates the new act by reference in many other sections. The amendment is quite long, several pages, and