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LB 819

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Jensen, AM3242. (Legislative Journal page 1555.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. AM3242 simply makes some needed technical corrections to the bill and makes clear that an assisted living facility must be classified as a residential board and care facility if the facility makes the...meets the requirements of that portion of the fire marshal's life safety code. And it has to be classified as a limited care facility if it meets those requirements of the life safety code. It gives statutory option for assisted living facilities to choose which portion of the life safety code they want to be licensed under. To be classified as a limited care facility can be very costly. Under the lower residential board and care requirements, staff and residents of an assisted living facility must be able to evacuate the facility or relocate to a point of safety within 13 minutes. The facility can make alternative arrangements for safety of residents who can't meet the 13-minute rule, and still qualify under the residential board and care requirements, and they can therefore allow their residents to age in place, if you will, and save extensive costs while not compromising residential safety. That is what the amendment does. I would just urge the adoption of the amendment and the committee amendment and advancement of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. For debate on the Jensen amendment to the committee amendments to LB 819, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Jensen a couple of questions, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.