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tubes by LPN-Cs and RNs. Testimony also indicated that nasogastric tube therapy is no longer commonly used. It refers to a clear plastic, somewhat rigid, inflexible tube that is inserted through the nose and into the stomach. If it is used today in a health care setting, it is most "oftenly" used and inserted during surgery and not by nurses. There are now a number of other gastric tubes being used that are much more flexible and better tolerated by patients. The practice of nursing, therefore, has moved away from the usage of NG tube, and the language in the current law is no longer necessary. The recommendation to remove references to NG tube insertion in the LPN-C scope of practice came from stakeholders convened by the department of...in 2000, and the change has widespread support. The bill does not represent a significant change in LPN-C scope of practice and, therefore, there was no indication to the committee that a change would require a formal 407 review. The committee received testimony in favor of the change from the Nebraska Board of Nursing; Dick Nelson, director of Regulation and Licensure; the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Nebraska; Nebraska Hospital Association; and the Nebraska Health Care Association. There is no fiscal impact and Health and Human Services Committee voted unanimously to advance the bill to General File for consideration. I would ask for advancement of the bill to Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Is there any discussion on LB 213? Seeing no lights, Senator Jensen, do you wish to close on the bill? Senator Jensen indicates he waives closing. Members, the question is the advancement of LB 213 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 213.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 213 advances. (Visitor introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 241, introduced by Senator