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LB 146

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk. Mr. Speaker, you're recognized.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. The, at this time, the sponsors have asked that we pass over LB 743 and LB 454, and we will go to LB 146, and we will continue for a little while and see how long this takes. But we will change the agenda to that extent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As stated, LB 743 passed over, LB 454 is passed over. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 146, Enrollment and Review amendments. (AM7113, Legislative Journal page 1342.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 146.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Brashear would move to amend the bill with AM1463. (Legislative Journal page 1383.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, to open on your amendment to LB 146. I am sorry. Senator Brashear is excused. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized and authorized to do such.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. As noted, Senator Brashear is not here so I will present the amendment that he was going to submit. And this is a minor amendment to the bill which during the process of reviewing the bill the Revisor of Statutes recommended, and it's essentially technical in nature. A component of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act is the Excess Liability Fund, which we call the fund. The fund is maintained to satisfy malpractice claims and is funded by annual surcharges which are paid by the medical professionals. Presently, medical