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FLOOR DEBATE

March 10, 2004 LB 599, 868, 1069

favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 868. Have you all voted who care to? Voting on advancement of LB 868. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 868 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, when you get time, next legislative bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 599 was introduced by Senators Tyson and Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 21 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. (AM2502, Legislative Journal page 665.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on LB 599.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the body. LB 599 is actually the second bill on this subject that was...has been introduced into this Chamber. I did one three years ago, and was not able to come to an agreement with all the parties involved. It was reintroduced last year. The hearing was held, had no opponents there. We had one neutral, the Board of Realtors. Everybody else was pretty much in agreement, but there was a change in language. It was held, and finally, what you have in...either on the gadget or on the printer, AM2502 will be the bill. And that also includes LB 1062 (sic--LB 1069), I believe, which relates also to the same subject of the Architects and Engineers Act. Very, very briefly, the purport of LB 599 is to change some of the requirements on projects that require the approval of an architect or an engineer. There are limits specified in statute, \$80,000 being one, 30-foot in height, occupancy 20 people, building area of 5,000 feet. All of these are in this bill, but they are now subject to change by the Architects and Engineers Board under the Negotiated Rule Act, which I think you'll find in Chapter 84. The amendment, however, becomes the bill, and I believe that Senator Jensen is going to handle that