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SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, at the request of Senator Moylan, I would respectfully submit that we lay mine over for another day.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, that matter regarding LB 126 of Senator Barnett is laid over for another day. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I respectfully ask that we reconsider our indefinite postponement of LB 202 and at this time, I would yield to the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this 202, of course, is Senator Burbach's bill that was indefinitely postponed the other day, and in his absence, he has asked that I help on this measure. Now I would guess and my observation, Mr. President, is that there is a question as to the procedure of reconsideration today but I understand, and if I am correct, that the motion yesterday was to reconsider it yesterday rather than reconsideration of the bill, itself. Is this true, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: This is not a consecutive reconsideration vote. The vote yesterday was one of time rather than substance.

SENATOR CARSTEN: OK. Then we are in order, Mr. President, to proceed with this, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think that Senator Burbach explained the other day quite thoroughly the effect that this medical services has on the county and what an increasing problem it is continuing to give them. Many of these counties are up to their mill levy or bumping it awfully close and I do think that it does need to have another look. I don't believe that the members were fully aware of the impact that it had on their own counties. I would certainly support Senator Kelly in the motion to reconsider this bill today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavan...oh, Senator Kelly has the floor.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, may I finish my time.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR KELLY: I distributed to the members of the Legislature a chart which shows the medical assistant payments made by each county in Nebraska for the month of February, 1975. You have those on your desk. You can find your district and see the amounts of money that is being paid for medical assistance and the amounts of money and what the impact will be on your district. To arrive at an annual figure, I would suggest that you add 10% to that February amount in that February is a short month. Most of us are aware of that and then multiply that by 12 and you would be pretty close to the annual amount of money that your county is responsible for and please keep in mind that the amounts of money that the county is paying, they have absolutely no say in the administration nor the eligibility of the people who receive this money. These are all under federal regulations and state regulations and the county has no administrative input into