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CLERK: Read Governor's letter. (appears on pages 1323-24 of the Legislative Journal).

That has nothing to do with this bill, that was tied in with an amendment this morning.

SENATOR GOODRICH: That is true, but it deals with the same subject matter, it is the same panel that he is asking us to fund. It is the one that we turned down for \$29,888 this morning. This bill deals with the same panel, and this bill is the Governor's bill and produced by Senator Burbach, our Speaker, to request funding for this particular panel. What they did in the court order was that they required a five person panel to be created and the people that are serving on this panel, the bulk of them are actually non-Nebraska residents that have been brought in for the purpose of coming up with a plan for the handling of the transfer, the court mandated transfer of patients from the Beatrice State Home to the Community program. Now, the court literally mandated that this panel be created, the Governor had no alternative but to create them, to create the panel and now he is asking us to fund the expenses of the panel, for \$29,888 I would suggest that we go ahead and do it. I would move the advancement of this bill.

CLERK: Motion under consideration is to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator F. Lewis calls for the previous question. Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall the debate now cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. This is another test of the integrity of the Legislature, whether we run the programs or whether appointed people from outside the state come in here and give the direction of our programs. The Beatrice home is in my district and I will take my chances with the 49 senators as to what the proper placement is. But, I can't see turning it over to five panel members drawing \$200 a day plus expenses to make this decision. I will not prolong this. I think that we have the votes to carry it and I ask you to support the kill motion and vote green. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STULL: Mr. Speaker, members of the House. I would like to have this laid over until tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT: I am sorry, but that is out of order. There is a motion to kill up now, and it has been debated, and there was a close.