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LB 490

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 490 (read title). The bill was read on January 19th, referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are Public Health and Welfare Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fenger for the amendments.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments to LB 490 change the bill in one aspect in that it removes all references to the Governor with the exception the Governor still designates a month as Community Service Month each year. The Community Services Advisory Committee which in the original bill was appointed by the Governor was also stricken. Essentially the committee amendments put in the statute what is status quo for Community Action Services at the present time. The local boards of directors are chosen so that one-third are elected public officials currently holding offices or their representatives, one-third are elected from representatives of the poor in the area served, and one-third are members of the private sector. Local Community Action Agencies are to be awarded community service block grant act funds directly from the Department of Public Welfare, soon to be known as the Department of Social Services. The funding distribution is changed so that 95% of those funds go to the local Community Action Agencies, 5% of the funds go to the state for administrative expenses. The duties that the Community Service Advisory Committee had in the original have been transferred when applicable to the local boards. I would move at this time the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 490.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh. Very well, is there further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 490. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, LB 490 is a pretty simple bill. I am having the Pages pass out a little synopsis of what 490 does but let me just kind of give you some background on this bill. Way