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thrown that food away and have distributed it throughout the area, which is a large area if you look at your map, for lots of the elderly in some of our small towns, not just in the larger cities. So I certainly support the Community Action Program. I think it is one of the better agencies that we have to deal with our problems, not only in...all over, in the small towns and our small communities and also in the larger cities. So I strongly urge you to support LB 490.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of Senator Johnson. What happens if this bill is not passed?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: If this bill is not passed, Senator Clark, I assume that the Nebraska Community Action Agencies will continue as they have in the past. We will receive block grant funds and the Department of Public Welfare will simply allocate those funds on whatever basis it wishes to use, and maybe at some time the Department of Public Welfare will draft regulations. That is what I assume.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, what happens to the funds now?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: They are coming from the federal government to the State of Nebraska under the block grant. It is about \$2.2 million. The Department of Public Welfare has simply allocated that money on the basis of past allocations.

SENATOR CLARK: That is 95%?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It has been 90%. 90% of the money has gone out.

SENATOR CLARK: Now you are going 95?

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment reduces it back to 90%. We have adopted that amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not, the question is the advancement of LB 490. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is the advancement of LB 490. Please record your vote on the advancement of LB 490. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.