

once again I rise to oppose the amendment. In the discussions and the work that we did on LB 604 this was one of the very major concerns that the counties had and that we had and the representatives from the county agreed that this would not be one we would attack or do anything with, and as we passed 602 that provision was delayed for one year, and there is nothing in this bill, nothing in this bill whatsoever that refers to the change of the situation as it now stands. Now on top of that, I visited with the Department of Revenue, or not the Department of Revenue, the Department of Welfare, and they have assured me that while this transition is taking place and particularly in this first year, there is not going to be any substantial changes and we are very mindful, Senator Kahle and Senator Sieck, and those of you that have those high residency of the indigent people in your district and also the county officials that have them in their county, we are aware of that, but they are I believe unduly concerned and with our cooperation, the Department of Welfare's cooperation, we are going to work these things out so that they are not going to be hurt. I rise to oppose the amendment. I believe that it is absolutely unnecessary and let's move LB 604 as it is in its present form without clouding it any further.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wonder if I could ask a couple questions of Senator Kahle.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, please.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Kahle, I am not quite sure on your residency requirement the way you are trying to establish it, would this in any...number one, have you checked the constitutionality of this? Does this in any way restrict a right of an individual that change their residence or affect any of those rights or maybe you could expound on it a little bit more for me.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I am not sure what the law says but it has been interpreted in the past to mean that if you were sent from let's say, well, let's say any county in the State of Nebraska perhaps, Butler County, we will use, and you had a patient sent to Kearney County or was a resident there, that residency would stay in Butler County as long as that person had been admitted there as a patient. And that is nothing new. That has been that way for a long