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LB 490

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: The first motion I have is by Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan would move to pass over LB 490.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan withdraws the motion. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Higgins would move to return the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have supported this bill all across the Board. This morning I was informed by someone that under the terms of this bill the Office on Aging would not get their fair share or be allowed to receive any of these block grant money and I really would not have supported the bill if I had realized that and for that reason I offered this motion. But if there is anybody here, if Senator Johnson could tell me this is true, this is not true, then I might withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, would you...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It is not correct, Senator Higgins. The question that Senator Higgins raised was this, does LB 490 preclude the Office on Aging from receiving any monies under the Community Services Administration block grant that comes from the federal government? And the answer is, no, it does not preclude the Office on Aging from receiving any of those monies, nor the Farm Workers Association, nor the Migrant Labor Association. In fact all the bill says simply is that the block grant monies that are paid to the State of Nebraska shall be distributed as authorized by the federal government. That is all it says. So whatever the federal authorization is, then the state must follow as it would have to do under any circumstance whatsoever. So what you have heard is simply not correct, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I will withdraw the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins withdraws her motion. Is there anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further.