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If you will recall in LB 1128, and I will read you from page 40, "The general fund appropriation to this program and the amount earmarked as general fund state aid shall be increased by \$228,987 to be used as alcoholism and drug abuse aid if LB 941A does not become law." The Governor did sign the bill and did not veto that portion of the appropriations bill. Besides that, and it is very, very important that each and every one of you listen to this. The program now receives from the general fund \$3,815,822. They also receive federal funds, \$1,300,000 for a total for fiscal year 1985, \$5,115,822. Now that is a considerable amount of funding by the State of Nebraska for the alcoholism and drug abuse program, over \$5 million, and I certainly believe that any other increase in the alcohol and beer tax is certainly out of line because that, although it is not earmarked in the bill I read you, the appropriation will be increased by \$228,000 regardless to be used as alcoholism and drug abuse aid if LB 941A does not become law. So they will get that increase of \$228,000 regardless whether this becomes law or not and the total that they have received or will receive for 1985 is \$5,115,822. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate on Senator Pirsch's motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate is ceased. Senator Carol Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I ask you for fairness on this question and I have just a short question for Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, did you have a short word you would like to say in my closing?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just...I'm going to vote for