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CLERK: Reading.

PRESIDENT: The vote on that has been challenged, the question is shall the Goodrich amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You are now voting on the Goodrich amendment which the Clerk just read, do you all understand the amendment or do you want it read again? The question is shall the Goodrich amendment to LB 483 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. I suppose I should caution you not to fool around, because we are going to stop it and when we do, it maybe too late, you had better vote the way you want. Have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 11 nays.

PRESIDENT: Very good, the amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the original bill, 483, with the Goodrich amendment. Senator Kennedy are you going to handle the bill? Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, and fellow members, I thought it was a real simple bill, we'd probably handle it some Friday afternoon, I'm not sure about the amendment because I wasn't involved in it, but at this particular point I'd say that the bill was needed to clarify the things that were being done in small towns and rural communities that were using funds that really legally they should not have been using and it was brought to the attention of the committee and we certainly agreed that the services that they were giving was very necessary, and everyone was happy except that they wanted to clarify it, so that they could clear and use that in some cases it's a very small amount, but in some cases I'd say it involves part time nurse for maybe once a month and sometimes once in six months, but it is a legal factor and must be cleared, so at this time I would ask that LB 483 as amended be advanced to general file.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stull, then Nore, then Stahmer.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I would just like to, for someone to tell me what they can do after the bill is passed that they can't do, this seems to me that this section is very inclusive and they've had a little play of words down here, but I don't think they've changed it at all, except the Goodrich amendment, that added in the hospital, so I just don't think that we even need this bill and I was interested in who appeared for this bill, and two people from the department of health, and I think that there was people out through the rural area and would have been wanting this bill would have been someone in to testify for it. I think this was a bill that the department of health wanted, and I don't think that they can do a thing with this bill that they can't do at the present time. So I'm going to oppose the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore. Stand by Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members, I probably have to oppose the bill. It's another avenue of taxation, one more permissive right to issue one more mill, and I'm wondering in our county and Nance County we have two city hospitals, and I can see this thing grow and grow and grow till we may have a dozen nurses and starting with one mill with a foot in the door, pretty soon it's the, they are inside and it's a sort of a socialistic thing, I think we had better get to the point