

PRESIDENT: Alright lets move on to the next amendment.

CLERK: Read amendment found on page 1319.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh for his amendment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: This amendment was given to me by the welfare department and I believe that it increases the welfare appropriation by \$400,000. Which they which the welfare department maintains that is necessary for added personnel in the area of quality control and providing psychological services, I believe, psychological counsellors. As I recall it was in the Governor's recommendation and it was cut by the appropriation committee and that they feel that they can not function under current federal requirements and unless they are provided this money to hire the added personnel in the area of quality control and checking the validity of welfare receipts and they also have an additional requirement for certain psychological services. That is basically what the amendment does, and I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment? This is the Cavanaugh amendment found on page 1319. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'm sorry Senator Cavanaugh, I was working on another item would you give me a very brief explanation again, I apologize.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes, this amendment was at the request of the welfare department, for \$400,000 additional appropriation. Which they maintain is necessary to hire additional personnel to conduct additional, I think that they classify it as quality control requirements that the federal government requires them to check the validity of the welfare payments and also to provide social services and social psychological service case workers that they also require to provide.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Kennedy then DeCamp, Lewis.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Just very briefly they have proven in the welfare department that they have done a great job in correcting some of the misdemeanors and problems but according to the amount of money that we get from the federal people for these assistant programs, that there must be a better record and a better checking and I know that many of you know what happened in the welfare department about four or five years ago, and certainly this is used in good case and was needed and was in the former budget and should be put back in here so that they can proceed and do the good job that they are doing in serving the people of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Senator R. Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I would like to ask Senator Cavanaugh some questions if he would yield.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Sure.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Senator Cavanaugh, you were in the same meetings that I was in last summer I know and when the welfare