

last year. That this man would put out this type of a letter is unfortunate. On the other hand, maybe it is fortunate because it points out the fact that we are throwing money at a problem that they can't deal with. He is quite critical of a chemical dependency unit because they haven't had enough people in that chemical dependency unit. Now I don't know whether you go out like Osborn and recruit more people in that agency in order to spend the money that he thinks you should spend so that he won't shortchange you next year because you didn't spend all the money you're expected to spend. Now that in sum and substance is the occasion for my moving to indefinitely postpone this bill. To add another million dollars to a fund that is in excess of their needs to me is probably the greatest waste of taxpayers' money I can think of. I would like to see a Call of the House and I would like to see this Legislature shoulder some responsibility to our people back home and say, if we're giving them too much money this year, we certainly are not going to double it next year. I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Murphy's motion, and this is Senator Murphy's second attempt, I believe, to indefinitely postpone LB 260. There was an attempt on General File and I think I'm correct in saying that it was Senator Murphy who attempted to kill the bill then. This bill has been debated extensively on General File and then on Select File, and I think that we have demonstrated that there is a very serious need throughout the State of Nebraska primarily through as a result of the decriminalization of intoxication, there is a strong need throughout the State of Nebraska for increased services. Those increased services cannot result without increased funding and those funds are necessary if we are going to implement the decriminalization of intoxication. If we fail to implement decriminalization of intoxication then let us quit fooling the public and let us repeal decriminalization. That, I think is the choice that we are faced with this morning. Either we are going to make that process work or we are not, and I am familiar with very serious problems throughout the State of Nebraska that have resulted from decriminalization of intoxication and other alcohol problems, and I think this morning we are basically, when we vote on LB 260, making the decision whether we are serious about treating alcohol problems,