

SENATOR JOHNSON: All right, and I will...the motion takes precedence then I would assume that the sponsor of that motion should speak first and then I would be glad to respond to that Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, should we do it that way then?

SENATOR JOHNSON: If that is the way you would desire, I would be glad to do it that way. I will defer at this juncture to the sponsor of the motion to recommit to committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Mr. Clerk do you want to read the amendment.

CLERK: Read Haberman amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Under Rule...on page 39, rule 7, section 3, this motion appears to be in order. Senator Haberman, I recognize you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Chairman, fellow members. This is a very, very, important piece of legislation, it is a very expensive piece of legislation and I would ask for your attention. What is LB 35? It is a study of a standard of need. A study as outlined in LB 35 is not feasible. A study of this magnitude and complexity has not been attempted by any other state and believe it or not, not even by the Federal Government.... hasn't even accomplished this. The standard of need is essentially a straight forward concept in that every family does have a need for basic necessities in order to maintain life. In reality however, given the many human wants attainable in our society it is difficult to choose what levels and which wants should be defined as basic. It becomes even more complex when consideration is given to the different managerial capabilities, educational background and other needs in addition to money income of various recipients. The study would require for example analyzing the cost of specific foods to maintain nutritional levels which vary with the age of the individual. The study says that it shall provide adequate shelter, what constitutes adequate shelter? How many different kinds of shelters, the cost of that shelter, how are we going to determine the costs of each of the different shelters? The cost of heating that type of shelter to 65 degrees on colder days. Different shelters will cost more. How are we going to determine all of this? Plus and what are the medical, dental and other redeemdabe care needs of the clients not covered, plus their related costs. It is seriously doubted that the resources are available to accomplish a study of this magnitude in the State of Nebraska. What are some of the suggested better methods and answers? The optimum situation would be that the Legislature make a determination of what the standard of need should be as in the case of some other