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move quickly on this legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Mike off), do you wish to speak to the kill motion?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, it was my bill a couple of years ago that did decriminalize alcoholism, and as I understand, Senator Cullan, while I do not wish to speak for him, that his intention was last year to greatly increase the amount of revenue to handle such situations which was done and perhaps there will be additional bills this year, and additional bill this year to increase that even more but, nevertheless, I would support the kill motion. I was just wondering, Mr. Chairman, there was never a motion by Senator Cullan to withdraw his bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, I think at least as far as I am concerned he talked to me about it twice within the last three or four days.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right, in that case I would support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am a little bit surprised that there seems to be so much support for a kill motion so early because some of us in outstate Nebraska are not getting these so-called services for alcoholism. I recently met with a group in my district and they are concerned about the fact that although theoretically these services are supposed to be available outstate they just are not. I have been in contact with Mr. Ford and others in the Department of Institutions and have not received helpful answers. They say they will work on it, they are going to try to get these services available but at the present time they are not there. They are not doing what supposedly we all thought should be done and so this leaves the people out there without the authority to deal with the problem and without the services to deal with those who are affected by alcoholism and so I would like to hear some comment from some other people to see if there really is this much support for killing the bill at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Powers.

SENATOR POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I look at this bill as an attempt to completely emasculate LB 593 and LB 376. I