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SENATOR CLARK: The amendment fails. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Murphy now moves to amend the bill. On page 8, in line 19 strike "1,862,000" and insert "862,000". That is on page 8, line 19.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, as you know, there was a hearing this summer, a resolution to take a look at this study of alcoholism....

CLERK: Senator....

SENATOR MURPHY: Oh, I'm sorry....

CLERK: My mistake, Senator. You have got....I was amending this bill and you want to do it to another. I'm sorry.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

CLERK: All right. Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senator Simon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the amendment?

CLERK: Well, the purpose of the amendment is to transfer \$50,000 general funds from the Department of Welfare to the Department of Health, to evaluate the performance and regulation of nursing homes using the criteria specified in LR 293.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment might sound a little bit familiar because it deals with a similar subject matter we discussed last week, but rather than appropriate \$50,000 it would transfer \$50,000. This would be for the study of the nursing home industry which we debated last week. I went ahead and introduced a study resolution, LR 293. At that point, I had said in the floor debate and I still feel very strongly that without sufficient funds that study can do nothing. We will end up having the same sort of information back to us that we have had in the past. When members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee attempted to study the issue in the past they would make a spot check or visit it and that was the determining factor in terms of finding out there was nothing wrong with the industry. I think it is rather interesting and I handed out a copy and this was in today's Lincoln Star regarding this legislative body's action on the vote on the