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because on General File there had been a question which I indicated that at that time I would answer. Now Senator Haberman asked me....

SENATOR CLARK: I had to do it this way because there was nothing before the House to talk on.

SENATOR LANDIS: This is...the question that was asked of me by Senator Haberman was the expected cost of an involuntary commitment under this law and how much counties could be expected to absorb by the way of costs. Terry Ryan in the legislative fiscal analyst staff has given me information based on the cost estimates of the Douglas County officials and previous commitments that they have gone through. Their expectation is that the cost to the county would be roughly \$675, and the cost to the state roughly \$450. This is based on the cost of expert witnesses, the cost of bailiffs, the cost of clerical staff, county attorney time and the like. Finally, I should just read a paragraph that says, "According to the Department of Public Institutions, in the last two years five individuals were committed by the courts to the Beatrice State Development Center." That is five in two years. I had indicated twenty-five in five years. So this indicates the procedure is not used often. Assuming that this is an average, the annual cost to all counties for the current commitment process would be \$1,688 per year, and the cost to the state \$1,125 per year. The total fiscal impact then divided between state and county would be roughly \$2,700...\$800.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the advancement of 499. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The bill is advanced. LB 404.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 404, there are E & R amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: E & R amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 404.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Warner now moves