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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How much time is left?

SENATOR CLARK: You've got about five minutes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How many lights are on?

SENATOR CLARK: You're the only one.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Beings as we have five minutes then, I would ask a question of Senator Cullan. I don't want to cut the... Tell me when there is a minute left. Senator Cullan, does this bail Omaha out for the money that they owe now?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, this doesn't affect any debts that Douglas County would have now but it will establish a uniform system for indigency care statewide. That is the purpose of the bill and that will include every county in the state.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The biggest...it says here that the cost, 50% of the welfare payments are Lancaster and Douglas County combined. So that means that out of a total cost of this bill 50% of it is for Douglas and Lancaster County. Could we construe that to be correct?

SENATOR CULLAN: Well more of the money will go to the areas with more people of course but I don't know that it will be 50%. I think that the bill will, you know, it will depend where people are sick and one of the reasons that Douglas County and Lancaster County's bills are higher is because that is where the hospitals are located and the hospitals sometimes submit those bills to every county but it will impact, I am sure, on a per capita basis.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan, do you wish to close? No closing, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor...committee amendments, pardon me. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now on the bill. No discussion on the bill at all? So the question