

April 1, 1982

LB 202, 952

CLERK: Continues roll call vote. 23 ayes, 23 nays, 3 excused and not voting. Vote appears on pages 1561-62 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: Motion fails. The next on the agenda is the motion to reconsider LB 952.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Beyer, Sieck and Cullan would move to reconsider the vote on Final Reading of LB 952.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I was on some business yesterday morning, was late in coming in and this is a bill that would be beneficial to a hospital in my area so for this reason I ask that we reconsider.

SENATOR LAMB: Raise the Call, the Call is raised. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate the fact that Senator Beyer feels that this bill would benefit a hospital in his area but I think we need to look at the total impact of this legislation on the state and also take a perspective beyond the State of Nebraska. I think we were wise yesterday in voting against the final enactment of LB 952. A handout at that time that I passed out indicated a recent study by the congressional budget offices found that this whole area of hospital taxes and bonds is a real sore spot in terms of high health care cost and it is that way for a number of different reasons. I think it is clear from the handout that I gave that they have concluded to further the goal of reducing hospital costs by eliminating tax subsidies for private hospital construction would be a good step to take. That is a federal level, a national level action that has to be taken but nevertheless there is no reason for us at this time when they are looking at that option to expand what we now provide in terms of hospital authority bond issuance. I think we really ought to look at the idea of keeping the bill where it is at right now and that is indefinitely postponed. Those who would support the bill are going to need 30 votes to reconsider. I would ask that you oppose this motion to reconsider. Again I think one of the key points you have to make is the hidden subsidy question that has always been present with a different bond bills that we have had before this legislature. As you know we have been sort of bond happy this session. Passing all kinds of different bond issuance legislation, expanding