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LB 942

SENATOR LAMB: Motion passes, the bill is returned.
Senator Cullan on the amendment.

SNEATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just to explain the amendment again. The amendment which we adopted on the floor of the Legislature yesterday provided that some optional services would be funded at a lower priority, that being a 10% cut in those optional services before mandatory services would be cut. We included with the mandatory services some optional services which are funded by the state. Those services funded at the Department of Public Institutions, the operation of Hastings, Norfolk and Lincoln Regional Centers. In that amendment there was a technical mistake, we failed to include in patient hospital services and skilled nursing facility services along with intermediate care. As a result of that bill drafting error we would not cover all of the Department of Institutions services with the mandatory ones and therefore they would have been subject to that 10% cut as well. So, this is simply a technical amendment to make sure we do not impact the general fund by prorating those optional services which are paid for by the state. They would not be cut until other optional services are cut. I think that explains it as best I can. I would urge you to adopt the technical amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, the way the philosophy of the Legislature has gone this morning I thought for awhile I would try to reintroduce LB 665 beings Senator Cullan has brought this back, but having second thoughts on it and I hope this body can't be threatened by some that think they can threaten us by saying they can hold up the whole process, stall this legislature or that some of us are going to change our vote because we are threatened. So with that I'm going to go along with Senator Cullan's effort to bring the bill back and correct it. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan, do you have any closing? The motion is to adopt the Cullan amendment. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President on adoption of Senator Cullan's amendment.

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