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LB 522A, 609 A, 714A

SENATOR CLARK: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. 609A.

CLERK: E & R amendments, Senator.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendment to LB 609A.

SENATOR CLARK: You heard that motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR KILGARIN: (Mike not on.) ...LB 609A.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of LB 609A. All those in favor say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. 522A.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment pending to the bill offered by Senator Vard Johnson. (See page 1639 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 522 as you probably recall is the welfare takeover bill. It is effective July 1, 1983. It has an A bill attached to it. The A bill calls for a sum of around \$30 million effective July 1, 1983. Accordingly it has no impact on the next fiscal year. Now what my amendment does...oh no. Senator DeCamp suggested my amendment increased it to \$50 million but that is not true. It reduces it by about \$6 million for one simple reason. When the fiscal analyst prepared the fiscal note to LB 522 the fiscal analyst used a standard of medical indigency that is not in place in the State of Nebraska and that standard would call for about \$9 million to be appropriated for medical indigents. We have just advanced LB 602 and LB 602A which is an independent bill regarding medical indigency and there the A bill is a little over \$2 million and so the \$2 million sum that the fiscal analyst has arrived at for 602 and 602A should be the same sum arrived at under 522A for the medical indigents. And so all this amendment does, and I can't recall the precise dollar amount, is it simply reduces the price tag on 522A from the \$30 million down to about \$25 million. I at least think it is only fair that whatever this large bill costs that the true amount be reflected. So this is an amendment to reduce the price tag of 522A and I would ask that it be adopted.