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SENATOR HIGGINS: Would that be part of this amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: This amendment also would transfer the appropriations for '82-'83 to the new agency in the event the bill passes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: How much money are we talking...you know originally we were talking about just equipment. Now we are talking about money that the senior citizens have in the Office on Aging. So am I misunderstanding you, Senator?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: This amendment has no impact. The same dollars that are available now would be available with this amendment. It merely transfers the spending authority from the existing commission to the new agency as the bill sets up. It doesn't authorize...it doesn't spend anything, it just transfers the authority to spend what...

SENATOR HIGGINS: But if we voted no then it wouldn't give this new agency the authority to spend the money.

SENATOR WARNER: If you voted no the effect is the agency couldn't function and if the bill passes the old agency wouldn't exist so nothing would be done.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see. Well under the present circumstances the present chairman of the Office on Aging has used federal funds to charter private airplanes to fly himself around the State of Nebraska supposedly on business of the aging and I'm not so sure I would just as soon see this agency go down the tube as have somebody run it that just charters private airplanes and likes to visit hither, thither and yon with state tax dollars and federal tax dollars, money that was earmarked really for the elderly. But since it is a housekeeping measure, Senator Warner, and since I trust you I think I will go along with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the Warner amendment? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: We are voting on the Warner amendment, the Warner motion to return is what it amounts to. We are returning the bill for an amendment. Record the vote.

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