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LB 212, 787, 928

SENATOR CLARK: The motion fails and the time is up on the bill. We go to 212.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports that they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 928 and find the same correctly engrossed and LB 787 correctly engrossed, both signed by Senator Kilgarin.

Mr. President, with respect to LB 212 I have a motion ... well, Senator Cullan had amendments printed on page 1823, Mr. President, that I understand he wishes to withdraw.

SENATOR CLARK: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: And, Mr. President, Senator Cullan would now move to return LB 212 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan, on 212.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm having....a Page will distribute to you in a second the amendments which were being proposed to LB 212. A version of them was published in the Journal earlier but we have modified them. What the amendments to LB 212 will do would be to appropriate the funds for the Cancer Registry from the cigarette tax monies which we earmarked in the other bill earlier and so these funds for the Cancer Registry which is the subject of LB 212 itself would be appropriated directly from that earmarked fund already and that would eliminate the necessity of an appropriations bill or of a special general fund appropriation for the Cancer Registry program. I think the Cancer Registry and Cancer Research of course obviously tie together very well and I think it is logical that if we are going to have a Cancer Registry funded in the State of Nebraska with state funds, that that Cancer Registry be funded from the one cent on the cigarette tax which is designated for cancer research. The other part of the amendment corrects a problem about confidentiality of medical records which was brought to us by the Hospital Association and with that amendment the Hospital Association dropped their objections to LB 212 because it did satisfy their problem so far as possible confidentiality issues might be concerned. That is really all the amendments do. Excuse me, one further thing, they also delay the effective date of LB 212 until July 1, 1983, which is when the earmarking of the one cent cigarette tax would also occur. A full one cent would be expended at that point in time. I think this also allows the Department of Health to publish rules and regulations and work out any problems that they might have in working with private registries which already exist in the State of Nebraska. I would ask you