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LB 212A

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Move the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

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

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Now the readvancement of the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Move it be readvanced.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of readvancing 212A say aye, opposed. The bill is readvanced. All right, go ahead, the next amendment.

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

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a good number of other people signed on the amendment to LB 212A with me and when I finish here I would like the Clerk to identify those individuals who have signed LB 212, this amendment to the bill. This is an amendment to the budget bill which the Legislature has already passed. The amendment is very simple. It says that the general fund appropriations for the period July 1, 1982, to June 30, 1983, to the Nebraska Educational Television Commission, Program 533 as contained in LB 761, Eighty-seventh Legislature is reduced by \$72,382. Section 2 appropriates the same sum of money, \$72,382 from the general fund for a period beginning July 1, 1982, to June 30, 1983, to the Legislative Council for Program 122, that is legislative staffing. The net purpose of this amendment is to reduce the appropriation to the Nebraska Educational Television Commission by \$72,000 for the cost associated with coverage of the Legislature. And then these funds are then appropriated to the Legislature for staffing. The Legislature of course is making a decision, I think, with allocating these funds as to what is most important to the legislative process. Is it more important to televise the process full time or is it more important to see that the legislature is adequately staffed and that we have information available to us and research assistance available to us so that we can make appropriate decisions? I think as a matter of priorities it is clear to me that the staffing is more important. We may or may