

SENATOR HABERMAN: And then the next year \$451,000?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Something like that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Could you tell me where we are going to get the money?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I am bringing to your attention next week a variety of tax bills, all of which you will support, that will generate far more than the pittance needed for this bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Members of the body, I support what you're trying to do...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Haberman. Excuse me again. (Gavel.) Kindly hold your volume of your conversation down so that we can hear. Thank you. Excuse me, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I support the intent of the bill, but I believe, in my opinion, we could do it now within the Department of Health. I believe we could do it without adding a program director, a typist II, and I believe this program could be handled if we tried hard enough to fit it into the present structure of the large state government we presently have and you all know that the state government has grown and grown and grown, more boards, more commissions. So rather than start all over again and start a new commission, start out with another fiscal note of \$238,000 and then the next year \$451,000, I would like to suggest to the body that we just let the bill sit for a year and see what happens. We've gotten along without it for so long. We're in such economic troubles now, not only in the western part of Nebraska, but in some of the bigger urban centers like Lexington, Hastings, Grand Island are closing up their plants. So rather than to pass this bill and then to say, well we passed the bill, now we've got to come up with the money, I would like to suggest to the body and again, I'm telling you I'm in favor of the concept, but let's just leave it sit. Let's wait a year and see what happens. We don't have to do all of these things in one year and we are trying to do more this year than in the seven years I've been down here. So, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Let's just