

being spent and being spent so that people who live in the area can expect to participate with the spending of those dollars fairly and equitably. So I would encourage your support of this good work by NACO and hope you support the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 393, Mr. President. (See page 1598 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 393 advances. LB 447.

CLERK: Mr. President, 447 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Hoagland. (Title read.) The bill was first read on January 21, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by Judiciary pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peter Hoagland.

SENATOR HCAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, LB 447 is a bill that I introduced after the Judiciary Committee exceeded its limit for the Department of Social Services and it is a Judiciary Committee priority bill and it deals with a number of technical provisions involving the way we handle Medicaid juveniles in the State of Nebraska. Being distributed to you right now is a summary of the provisions of the bill, of the essential provisions of the bill. Let me say initially that the State of Nebraska receives about \$3,020,000 in child welfare dollars and if we do not adopt certain sections of this particular bill, why we will stand to lose as much as \$410,000, perhaps more in federal penalties. Now the summary sets out various provisions of this technical bill which, as I recall, came out of the Judiciary Committee unanimously although I've not checked the report today. Sections 1 through 8 deal with the interstate compact on adoption and medical assistance and the essential purpose of those provisions is that when a Medicaid child in Nebraska is placed for adoption to individuals that then leave the state, why the Medicaid benefits can follow that child and without adopting this interstate compact on adoption we are subjected to some federal penalties for not doing it. Now the bill also has some other provisions relating to the custody of juveniles