

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Move for adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Okay, I don't see any lights on. Did anyone wish to debate about debate on the subject? I don't see any lights so the question is the adoption of the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 16 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Beutler amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we're back on the bill. Senator Marsh, would you like to speak?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We're on the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have some things I wish to put on the record. I've been requested by several people in the mental health field to focus attention on a growing problem. The problem is in the delivery of human services. That problem is the growing trend to allocate limited state dollars for a new program. Yes, that problem is the growing trend to allocate limited state dollars for new programs at the neglect of providing funds to maintain existing programs. If this trend continues we could see a serious adverse impact on our human services network. There is to be an interim study. It must be a careful in depth report to us so changes in the direction of funding may be made soon. I wanted this to be part of the record. I wanted it to be part of the record for LB 722 and I thank you for your consideration and your attention for this is something that affects all of us. Thank you, Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Wesely is next, but may I introduce guests in the north balcony of Senator Smith. There are 54 fourth graders from Abraham Lincoln School in Hastings, Nebraska, and their teacher. Will you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Warner, would