

required. Please record your vote. Twenty seconds to record your vote on the Lynch amendment to LB 333. Time is expiring for you to vote on the Lynch amendment as amended to the bill. Please have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lynch's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Lynch amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the bill. (See page 2184 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, my amendment may not be one of the most popular in the body but I think it is one of the more honest amendments. I am going to move to get rid of the Children's Trust Fund. I sat down with Senator Wesely. I said I was going to put a kill motion on this bill. Senator Wesely said, please, don't put a kill motion on the bill because we do have a couple of provisions in the bill which actually clean up some definitions of child abuse in the criminal statutes and we need those, he said. But I said, well, then I am just going to move to basically eliminate those sections that deal with the Children's Trust Fund, and I am going to tell you why, and you are not going to like what I have to say but I mean it deeply and sincerely. This bill is a bill that is designed to give a lot of do-good organizations in our state the opportunity to take a quarter of a million dollars a year and sprinkle it among the hurting and the needy. A few minutes ago we sat down here and failed to advance the ADC increase bill which takes state dollars and targets it to the people who are hurting the most, the ones most likely to be subjected to neglect and to abuse, those that live in the most difficult of circumstances. Now in any system of priorities, one has to know where the dollar counts the most, and the dollar in my view counts the most in direct grants to people who are paupers. And I don't care where they live, whether they live in southeast Nebraska in Senator Remmers counties which are the poorest in our state, in Douglas County which is not as poor as one would think, but we need to take our state money which is very finite in amount and put it into the