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LB 722

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. I do see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to cease debate on the Jacklyn Smith amendment to 722. We are voting to cease debate. It will not be effective unless there are 25 votes quite soon. Please record your vote. Please record your vote. The motion before you is to cease debate on the Jacklyn Smith amendment to 722. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate is ceased and, Senator Smith, you may close.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would close just with a few remarks. I would like to summarize by answering a statement made by Senator Johnson particularly. In his reference regarding the executive branch's wishes versus to me the will of the people, I represent the will of the people and I think that evidently the will of the people, not only of Adams County, but across the state as evidenced in the fact that 41 counties utilized the service last year. So to me that indicates the will of the people statewide. And I would also like to remind Senator Warner and others that regardless of what DPI has told them, surrounding states do have state detox units. I would also like to let you know too in closing that there will be additional costs that I didn't mention before. In closing the medical detox unit at the Hastings Regional Center it will enforce the closing of the infirmary at another additional cost and will also force the need for more staff for the child developmental unit there. These costs will be passed on to the State of Nebraska through DPI. Additional costs that are not included in what we're talking about right here, but which will nevertheless be incurred. The fourth point I'd like to make in closing is that estimates provided, and remember I told you they were only estimates. I was never able to get exact figures for a program that was originally supposed to have been operable by July the 1st. My latest information was that they would have their estimates by a later date. Even the estimates that were given to me by the regional program director told me that they would be like seven new staff people. Costs, first time initially would make it range about to \$225,000 for initial costs. Ongoing costs could be as high as \$150,000.