

PRESIDENT: Is that all the matters for the record?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Now then are we back to 722?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on the bill is a motion to reconsider. That motion was filed by Senator Harris. It is a motion to reconsider the Lynch-DeCamp amendment to LB 722. Motion was filed last Friday. It is on 2387. The DeCamp-Lynch amendment is on page 2302 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a very difficult decision for me to introduce this motion to reconsider, but I think it is something that we need to rethink. We need to discuss the issue. There are some worthy agencies and some worthy constituencies out there that need to be taken care of. I think that we should take the time, and I will turn this over to Senator Lynch, turn the balance of my time over to him and let him speak to the issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, you may have the rest of Senator Harris's ten minutes.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I apologize that we are considering this again, but it is important enough that I think we should. I'm not sure if one minute to five is the right time to consider this either. I would bow to the will of the President if they think that they should lay this over. But on the other hand, we could consider it at the present time. First of all, this is different from any of the other budget considerations we have because in this case the mental health and alcoholism and drug abuse people, who run community programs, did what they were told to do. They went out and sought for and searched for sources of money that would provide the funds that they needed. They were very successful. They worked with the alcoholism and the beer and liquor dealers association of the State of Nebraska and were successful in raising three times more than they really needed. The funds were put into the general fund. It is interesting, what is the difference