

it than other hospitals. I don't think that this had any reason for that being so, but it could possibly be and they are investigating it. The total cost to the state would not be over 500,000 in years to come because West Nebraska Hospital will continue to fund the indirect portion of these costs, in other words the areas, many services that would not be borne by the state. I realize that this is a crunch situation. I realize also that many of you will be asking for certain amounts of money beyond what the Appropriations Committee has suggested. In the way of cooperation I propose to not put this before you at this time for the reason that I think we should have a right to look at all of the proposals as to what we are spending our money for and if this should be one of the high priorities, then we should adopt it. I feel very strongly about this. I can understand that some of you who live in the far away, 400, 450 miles would be less interested in this than I am. But in my opinion education should be the number one situation in our state. And the nursing situation certainly should be one of our priorities in education. So, at this time, Mr. Clerk, I would ask that we hold up on this until we get further along with the budget program. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morehead would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Morehead.

CLERK: Your amendment, Senator, is on page 1515 of the Journal.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm not standing here waving a flag like Senator Haberman did, but I am not putting more money in the budget. Instead I am asking you to consider a policy direction which this budget has taken. The policy direction is concerning the funding of the inspectors that have been with the Liquor Control Commission and are being proposed to be transferred to the State Patrol. When you transfer these positions the money follows. And as the budget stands now these positions are being transferred. It is a decision that has been cooperatively made and accepted between the Liquor Control Commission and the State Patrol. There is not unanimity in this decision in our districts. Now I don't know if it is just my particular district that is very cognizant of the issue of local control when it comes to Liquor Control