

I should have said, we reject the amendment and then it will be down to 1.5 percent cut as originally stated in LB 1. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Senator, I heard you say, but I took what you said not to be what you meant, so...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I indicated before, the issue before you is the level of cut recommended by the Appropriations Committee which is roughly \$900,000 more than the level of the Governor and the specific differences is of delaying the opening of the Western Nebraska Veterans Home from April 1 to July 1 of next year. Secondly, there was a 300,000 additional reduction that was not specified, specifically 308 I believe. But some of the members have spoken to and I didn't really mention it much initially, but there are two programs that the Department of Institutions have identified for next year's budget, one of which dealt with acute care services at the regional centers. That was 133,000 currently. And that for this year, and there was talk that maybe a third of...or that amount of money would be divided by thirds and the other program they had identified, the modification, was the adolescent care services at the Lincoln Regional Center, but we did not identify either of those two, but it would be correct to recognize that the Department in its management plan could conceivably implement some portion of those modifications in that 300,000 or they might just make savings in a variety of places. The other difference indicated is the amount of reduction in the current amount of aid and in the case of the committee's recommendation it is \$840,000. If it was the Governor's recommendation it is a total of 445,000. Now that is the issue. If you wish to support the higher level of reduction, you vote yes. If you want a lower level of reduction, but still a reduction, you vote no. I move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will rise after the vote.