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PRESIDENT: All right, the motion fails. That moves us on to amendment #7. Senator Simpson's amendment.

CLERK: Legislative bill 1054 there is an amendment offered by Senator Simpson it's found on page 1319 of the legislative journal and identified as #7.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simpson of Lincoln.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I move the adoption of the amendment. This under the Department of Public Welfare is asking them to develop a program for nutrition and food delivery to the aged throughout the state. Since we had the public hearing with the Department of Health, the Department of Aging, and the Department of Public Welfare we find that there are many different food programs going on throughout the state. Nobody knows how many. We tried to get a total on them and nobody has a count. Money has been put into them and they have been forgotten. Some of the programs are running very well and some of them are about to fail. I'm not sure that any of them have failed yet, but they are on the verge of it. I know that we have two programs in Lincoln, both of which are working very well. We have where people are ambulatory that with transportation they can go for congregate meals within an area. These are primarily in churches where the people who are not ambulatory, we are or do have the separate program where the meals on wheels, there where a meal a day is brought into the home and we make sure these elderly people are getting proper nutrition. And so are aided very well in being able to stay in their homes. We are not asking for money or anything else. We are asking, first of all to find out how many programs we have throughout the state. The type of programs they are, and an evaluation of those programs in the hope that we can come back and look and say we can keep a lot more of Nebraska people in their homes if we will set up and the money coming primarily from the federal government to the aging, we can keep them in their homes and they can be self-sufficient, if we can just get them proper meals on some basis each week.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas. And then Senator Stahmer, and then Senator Moylan.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask the Chair a question for a ruling.

PRESIDENT: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR SYAS: Is it the Simpson amendment writing legislation instead of budget.

PRESIDENT: The Chair has no way of

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evaluating that.

SENATOR SYAS: Well you did a while ago when I asked you the same question. You said no.