

SENATOR F. LEWIS: We're going to move right down to that one then. It's about four bills down.

SENATOR BARNETT: If I could just have a minute here.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Oh, I'm sorry, Senator Chambers. I skipped 711. The ones I skipped were my own. So 711 is the next one. Chair is moving off the agenda, particularly from those bills that I have. If there is objection to that, let me know. Okay. LB 711.

CLERK: Read title to LB 711. The bill was read on January 9, 1978. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. There are, Mr. President, committee amendments offered by Senator Barnett's Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Before we go. Mr. Chairman, how many are gone today?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Six are excused. The Appropriations Committee is out, Senator Chambers, and that is another nine. Ten excused now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I found out there is a kill motion on the bill, so why don't I take it another day. The one who has the motion is willing to do that too, because there aren't enough here really to go through it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Chambers, do you have a date certain that you'd like to set that for?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well I'll just leave it where it is and see what happens.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The unanimous request by Senator Chambers to lay the bill over... Are there objections? If not, so ordered. Senator Goodrich, LB 92.

CLERK: Read title to LB 92. The bill was reported as indefinitely postponed. A motion to reconsider and place on General File was adopted by the body on February 9, 1977. Amendments offered by Senator Goodrich were adopted by the body on February 22 of this year. Senator Koch offered a motion that was adopted on February 22nd. The bill failed to advance off General File on February 23, 1978.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, you will recall that this is the bill whereby the state takes over the county's share of medicaid payments. The bill, as it was originally drafted, called for the whole thing to go in one fell swoop, from the county to the state. We changed that. We amended it so that, with Senator Koch's amendment, we now are transferring the obligation from the counties to the state at the rate of 2 percent per year over a period of six years, for a total of 12 percentage points. We're leaving now 8 percentage points on the counties. Right now the counties would pay 8 percent of that cost. The state would pay about 34 percent. The federal government would pay 58 percent. The reason, you'll recall, for doing this was the fact that the state and the federal people are the ones that make the rules and regulations. The state and feds determine who is eligible, what is the criteria. They even determine, as a result of that, the total cost. Consequently, the counties