

May 11, 1987

LB 781

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item on 781 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments, those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend, and those amendments are found on page 2120 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, there are two committee amendments included in the capital construction, 781. The first one is language, and language in this case includes a portion of what we will be discussing later on LB 780 which is the Medicaid Case Management application that the state would be making. One of the criteria necessary for the expansion of the Medicaid waivers and the case management waiver but specifically the case of the Medicaid waiver is that it is in fact an offset of cost because of not requiring or not being in the position of necessitating increased institutionalization of individuals. One of the options if the Medicaid waiver is not approved is the probability that ultimately that additional facilities may need to be constructed at Beatrice in order to absorb or have a location for these individuals as other alternatives are not available, at which obviously would be at a higher cost than using the community facilities or those facilities currently being funded with Medicaid funds. So what the language does, it merely authorizes the Department of Institutions to explore the feasibility and the necessity of additional facilities at the Beatrice location in the event that the Medicaid waiver is not approved, and in addition, to be able to show a realistic or have a realistic showing, a factual showing that if the Medicaid waiver is not approved that the ultimate alternative would be the construction of these facilities and a higher cost for the care of those individuals who would be affected. The second amendment is one that is a cost, this is a capital construction bill, it adds \$70,000 of General Funds for deferred maintenance and some