

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Next motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hartnett would move that Section 69 of LB 813 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'll be like Senator Morrissey, if we fail on this we will not be any reconsideration and so forth. What this does is it restores \$98 million or oh..... I'm thinking of Howard Lamb's numbers, excuse me, \$98,000 to the Foster Care Review budget and what it does, I guess, is it allows them to expand their services. They have eleven offices right now, they will expand to four more local review boards, a couple in the Omaha area, but it simply will allow them to do a better job of working with the foster children in this state. A couple of days ago in the World-Herald, on the 22nd of this month, it says, it is from a counsellor at Northwest High School and he was kind of hitting at Senator Withem, and it says that, "Schools are not substitute for inadequate parenting." And, I think what the Foster Review Board does is simply help establish students in good homes, helps them lead more normal lives and simply helps the whole state. It simply, they have shown by their evaluation, that it simply saves money for the state in the long run by the process. So with that I simply ask the body to restore \$98,000 to the Foster Care Review system.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, discussion?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of the Hartnett motion. I do so because I want to say that this is a new agency, created not too long ago, which has demonstrated, I believe, without exception, is a value to the state and to the children of this state. It is not very often that we find such immediate results. We have found immediate positive results from this Foster Care Review Board and their staff and I believe that for the most part, we find oftentimes that new agencies take a long time to become effective. When they do become effective they have a long history behind them and this particular instance, the Foster Care Review Board has done a good job, they are very effective, they are competent people, they are dedicated to children and dedicated to the responsibility and certainly have demonstrated to me very