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Unfortunately, that still is not going to be enough to cover the program, and that's what was going to cost the state then approximately \$4 million. Following Senator Wickersham's direction, we have changed this bill from being a state wide, comprehensive approach, to a demonstration project with at least two sites, one in a rural area, and one in an urban area, to check out the billing system, through Medicaid, and also to demonstrate the referral and service coordination components of the federal law, 99-457. So we've moved the bill from a \$4 million project, to about \$19,000. The 19,000 we are asking for, in order to get about 38,000 dollar match from Medicaid to pay for the administration of the Medicaid eligibility components. So what the amendments do is go through the entire bill, and any reference to a state wide comprehensive system have been removed and replaced with a demonstration site components. And it's made it clear then that we will continue with the Nebraska Interagency Coordination Council as the group that will supervise the demonstration projects and establish...continue to work on policies that would help bring us in line with the federal law. So, with that, I would urge that you would now adopt these amendments that clarify that this will not be a statewide program that costs \$4 million, but will be a demonstration project that will, at the maximum, cost us about \$19,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I'd move we recess until one-thirty.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, new A bill, LB 701A, by Senator Rasmussen. (Read by title for the first time.) And, Mr. President, Senators Schrock, Elmer, Smith, Schmit, Kristensen, and Haberman filed a motion with respect to LR 27 to place it on General File. That will be laid over. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See page 1668 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the motion to recess until one-thirty. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. We are recessed.