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but I just wanted to take this opportunity to point out to you that we're including out of the...what is the total budget, Jerry, that we're talking about...ten million dollars on this bill? Is that the deficit? About eight million dollars. Out of that eight million dollars that we're going to be spending in deficit appropriations, three million dollars is for deficit appropriations for Medicaid reimbursement, and that was going to be five million dollars, but we got lucky somehow and we didn't have an extra two million dollars in deficit appropriations for Medicaid reimbursement. I'd like to tell you a little bit about some of the figures involved here. We're going to spend ninety-six million dollars in this state for Medicaid reimbursement, because of health...for health care costs, where last year we spent about seventy-nine million dollars, and next year it's estimated we're going to be spending a hundred and twenty million dollars. So just to make a point, we're going to be spending in this state for the last year for Medicaid reimbursement about twenty-four million dollars. Now I know that that may not be of great significance at this point, but I think that that's an issue that's going to come up with LB 172 in a little bit...in a couple of weeks. It's going to be coming up with some changes in rate reimbursement, in formulas, and in an attempt to try and deal with some health care costs, and I thought at this time it would be a good opportunity to rise and let you know just some of the figures involved with health care costs in the State of Nebraska. Thank you for your attention.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 542 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Now let's go down the list if you're following the agenda on Select File. Senator Kelly is absent so we'll have to pass over 418A. Senator George is awaiting amendments to three different bills. One is 250. 271 was taken up yesterday. We make up the agenda as we are completing the day's work and we never know for sure how far we're going to get. 416...so you can cross out 271, it's been acted upon. 416...we need to pass over this until Senator Lewis gets here. 251 is another bill that we're awaiting...Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe there's any