

then be able to act on a standard of need with full and complete knowledge and that truly is the way it ought to be. I would certainly encourage your support of this amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Yes, the Chair has been asked to announce that this pamphlet which was distributed.. Senator Johnson, you did authorize this?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I authorized the distribution of that pamphlet.

PRESIDENT: ...(interruption)...it doesn't have initials but you did authorize it then? All right. Just so everyone knows that but for the initials it is authorized. The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, sorry I was on the phone, but I just simply want to for the record, primarily for the record, Senator Johnson, because I believe that you made it clear in your testimony already but I do want it to be clear that these amendments do contain the similar intent to amendments which I had proposed earlier that were printed in the Journal earlier. In other words, the passage of this bill would not in one way or another affect the level of funding of any welfare recipient in the State of Nebraska until some affirmative action is taken by the Legislature. Is that a correct interpretation of these amendments?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, that is a correct interpretation, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, so these amendments are primarily for the purpose of determining the standard of need and not that that standard of need will automatically go into effect?

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is correct.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, with that understanding I do appreciate Senator Johnson has made that clear. I will have an amendment to the appropriations bill to ensure that the study proposed in LB 35 does not cost the state too large a sum of money. With that understanding I support the amendments and would not oppose the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I think