

scares me. When you say we are going to have a study but we are going to bring it back to the Legislature, who is going to make the study and what it is going to cost. I haven't understood this. I have been told that the Nebraska standards are higher than the federal standards. You hear all kinds of things but again I go right back to the fact that some states have it that you can't advance a bill until the bill has been printed with all of the amendments and you can actually read the bill to see what it does but we can't do that here. So I am going to have to say that I would like to ask support to kill LB 35. I will admit probably there are some good things in LB 35 but I believe it has become too complicated. It has become too muddled up, too many amendments, too much misunderstanding and let's try it again next year. Let's get something, Senator Johnson, that is nice and simple, something that we can all understand and possibly you might even get my support but at this time I would like to ask support to indefinitely postpone LB 35 and let's get on with the session. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose LB 35. I believe that the issue is not whether welfare is properly funded. The issue is not whether welfare recipients can live on the amount of money that they are now receiving and the issue is also not the possibility of improper administration of welfare and excesses in the system although that to many people is a very real concern. The real issue I believe is this: Should we set a precedent in setting up a study at a cost of whatever number you pick up to \$250,000 to determine the needs of the various groups that receive funds from the state? The real issue is whether or not a special study should be commissioned to determine the proper expenditures of a department of state government with the increasing bureaucracy. I believe it would be equally logical to have a study to determine the proper budget for state aid to schools. We should have a study to determine the funding for all of the various institutions of higher learning in the state. Maybe we would need a study to decide the proper allowances for homestead exemptions and maybe one for determining how much money should go for a personal property tax relief. I am sure that you would agree that it would be too expensive to set up studies to determine the level of funding in these various groups and agencies. So how do we arrive at decisions on funding levels? Well we depend on agency staff to provide some information. We take into consideration the findings of the Governor and his staff. We look to the members of the