

I was going to save these questions to speak to the advancement of the bill but I think this is probably a more opportune time. Senator Johnson and I visited earlier about the amendments. I would like to say first of all that Senator Johnson has accepted every reasonable amendment that I have proposed to LB 35, eliminating what I believed were not absolutely essential items from standard of need and he has been most reasonable in his approach to the bill in that light. The record is clear that the bill is a study and the only remaining issue as far as I can see is what the cost of the study will be. I have visited with Senator Johnson, indicated to him that I will offer amendments to the appropriations bill, that the study will be limited to a total of \$50,000 study, \$25,000 expenditure from the state general fund and \$25,000 from federal funds. If those amendments are accepted I would accept and, in fact, very heartily endorse the bill. I think that the study can result in some benefits but I think that we do have to put financial limits on what the cost of the study will be and with those comments, I would simply ask Senator Johnson what his position would be with respect to amendments to limit the cost of the study as I indicated previously. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: The only misgiving that I have, Senator Cullan, about the amendment is that the \$50,000 figure is what it did cost for a comparable study in Iowa which was done in 1977, starting in 1975 and completed in 1977 and it seemed to me that it might well cost more money. You and I have discussed...we were sort of at odds as to whether it should be \$50,000 or \$100,000 and I truly...and Senator Cullan, one of the tragic things that has happened to me on this bill is that I have not had a lot of help from the people that ought to be giving me the help, that is the Welfare Department. They ought to be saying to me, this is what it is going to cost. They originally came in at \$250,000 and our own fiscal analyst, Jim Hanlon, thought we were being forced and he suggested, well, we will take it down to \$175,000 and he even tells me today that it can't cost that much money so I frankly would like to suggest to the body, a \$100,000 appropriation. In the event it fails and we are \$50,000, so be it.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson has indicated that he will push for \$100,000 at this point in time. I will put the amendment for \$50,000 on the...it is pending on the appropriations bill. If that amendment is adopted I will support the advancement of the appropriations bill and the bill. If not, I will not. I think you have to draw a line and that is where I