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SENATOR NEWELL: Once again, I was going to ask Senator Warner if he could answer a question for me. Senator Warner, have you seen this amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Does it in any way conflict with any of the other intent language?

SENATOR WARNER: No, there is no conflict.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is this, in fact, basically the intent of the committee?

SENATOR WARNER: Let me say this then, as far as state funds are involved there is included in LB 998, the appropriation bill, the same dollar amount for salary adjustment as other state employees and the proposed amendment would, at least from the state funds are involved, would reflect funding to provide that kind of a salary increase. Now, whether or not there is an impact of local funds, matching funds or in Douglas County's case where there is apparently some court action, I'm not in a position to say what the impact might be of the amendment there but from the viewpoint of state funds, there are state funds in for welfare workers in this amendment that reflect the salary policy that is included in the bill.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the body, we have a situation here where there has been a court battle that has been taking far too long and consequently employees have been denied salary increases and I think it is only right that the Legislature, when it authorizes salary increases, that people be able to get those salary increases. With that, I end my remarks.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Kahle. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases and, Senator Johnson, were you closing or will...?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Fitzgerald will close.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fitzgerald will close. All right, Senator Fitzgerald.