

down and talked to me about this piece of legislation and what it now wants to do. So what we really have here is a solid registry system that would be operated by the state, that would be accessible by researchers and physicians, that would put us in the beginning of the process of compiling information on the cancers that occur in Nebraska. Whether or not the Medical Association will ever develop a registry system remains to be seen, but I am more than prepared during the course of this legislation through the Legislature to watch and to work with the Medical Association as to what it currently is doing. This particular bill costs us some money. There is an A bill attached. The fiscal analyst and the Health Department have concluded that the cost of implementing this legislation would be \$62,700 this year plus about an additional \$10,000 in the succeeding year, and that would tend to be about the money that is involved with a statewide reporting and registry system. It would run from around I would suppose between \$60,000 to \$80,000. Wisconsin implemented a statewide registry system....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON:a few years ago and its current cost is \$70,000. Colorado has a statewide system. Its current cost is \$140,000. So I think the dollar amount is essentially correct. That is what it will cost us to put into place an information system that will be of benefit to us in future years and to our children and to our children's children. That is all this bill is involved with. I would ask your support.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I will be very brief. Senators, I think you need a laugh today so I want to repeat something that I heard on the radio. We are all familiar with Senator William Proxmire and his Golden Fleece Award of the Year, and I know that some of you are concerned with what is the fiscal impact of this bill, what is it going to cost. Well, I want you to know what some of our senators and congressmen voted to do a study for in Washington. They allocated \$40,000 for the United States Department of Agriculture, and I think some of you farm senators are familiar with that department, to do a study titled Food Preferences and Social Identity. What was the result of the study? For those of you who like oysters on the half shell, the study said gourmet food eaters are likely to get married later in life, have fewer children and they like to drive in the fast lane of traffic. The others that our \$40,000....this