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CLERK: 18 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle. Debate has not ceased.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, Senator Cope has mentioned the situation in our area. I think it is very necessary that we find out what people are dying from. For instance, in my particular area you've heard before we have a high incidence of cancer deaths both the youths, young people, and middle aged in adults, elderly I should say. At the same time we have one of the highest longevity records in the country so evidently we are dying of cancer but not of other things. So I think it is very important that we find out exactly what is going on in our communities and this is one way to find it out and the cost is a very small matter compared to the issue of cancer in what we are spending for treatment and for all kinds of things that deal with cancer. So I think this is a small price to pay for that information that should be available. In my own area I would very much like to know those statistics and at the state level I think it would certainly help. As has been mentioned many areas are already doing it so I don't think it will be that tough for them to comply and the money that we're spending will probably mostly be used for just the recording of that information here in Lincoln. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, you had a point?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, a point of personal privilege. I gave a handout this morning and some people misunderstood and thought I put it together. That was mailed to me in Omaha and I am merely sharing it with you. I put the cover letter on it so you would know that I'm the one who handed it around but I did not put it together. It was sent to me from Columbus, Nebraska, or Osceola or some place.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...(Mike not on.) ...more speakers?

SENATOR CLARK: No.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, then I will close. I appreciate Senator Haberman's comments. Senator Haberman has been very good about standing up against new money bills and this is clearly a new money bill and Senator Haberman says that he has heard that this system ultimately could cost the state \$240,000 a year. I quick like passed out and placed on your desk a letter dated December 4, 1981, from a pathologist in

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