

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, as the candidate for the Douglas County Board I, too, feel that local control is important but I would appreciate very much if we advance this and we pass 522 so that we can continue to have local control but have the state pay for it.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vard Johnson to close on the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I keep hearing all these people around me that say they are going to vote no. Actually in closing, I will say...let me make one very simple remark. Basically speaking I have argued that this legislation is really an exchange. We're exchanging state sales and income tax dollars to support a statewide welfare system for county property tax dollars which currently support a state supervised but county administered welfare system. There is one very interesting aspect of the fiscal note which Senator Cullan and I have both caught and that is that the fiscal analyst has added several millions of dollars to LB 522A for relieving counties of their current obligation to meet the needs of the medical indigent which let me tell you is simply a statutory obligation. The counties haven't done...have only paid lip service to. Well there is another bill that has been moving through this Legislature to do exactly the same thing and the fiscal note on that bill is \$2 million whereas the fiscal note for the very same effort here is \$8 million and the fiscal notes are generally made up by the same people. The bills are the very same thing, however, so it's not a question of anybody being freer. I mean, it's just they... the fiscal notes are not in perfect shape in my opinion. But as Senator Warner says we need to have an A bill. Far be it from me to stand in the way. I would ask this A bill be advanced. Between now and Select File we will go over those fiscal notes again. We may very well reduce this A bill. In any event, this A bill is not even binding because as you well know one Legislature can't bind the next Legislature but so be it. I would ask that 522A be advanced.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to advance the bill. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Have you all voted?
Record. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: A Call of the House please and call in votes at this juncture.