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LB 602

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Johnson's amendments. I think these are amendments even Senator Schmit would like. They leave the portion of the program that we are attempting to take over in 522 and LB 602, namely the indigent care, with the counties. They do provide for uniformity across the State of Nebraska by requiring that a standard of indigency be developed pursuant to the bill as has been amended previously, namely with the guidelines set out in the Office of Management and Budgets, statutes or rules and regs. I think that that will go a long way to allowing us to ascertain how many people will be eligible. Perhaps we can take over this program some day, but I do think it alleviates most of the concerns that people had about LB 522 and about LB 602 as well. So I would ask you to adopt these amendments and to advance the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Carsten...or, just one minute. I believe we have an amendment to the amendment which maybe we will take up next.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend Senator Johnson's amendment. (Read the Haberman amendment as found on page 1783 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as it reads now it says the department shall not require a person to reside in a county of this state for more than one year to establish residency or legal settlement in the county or state respectively. That means that somebody could move into any county on a Wednesday and on Thursday they could become eligible for the benefits under this bill. So I have said that the department shall require a person to reside in a county of this state for six months to establish residency or legal settlement in the county or state respectively in this state. So the only thing I am doing is saying that somebody who moves into the State of Nebraska or moves from one county to the other county has to live there six months before they are eligible. If that isn't in there, they are eligible the next day and they can hop skip from county to county and I just don't think it is right to put the counties under such a burden. So I ask that you support this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan.

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