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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I would just like to ask a question of Senator Johnson. I was sitting back here minding my own business and all of a sudden he is picking on one of my counties and I would like to know why Gosper County suddenly got in this.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Actually I was thinking, Senator Vickers, that maybe Gosper County was in Senator Haberman's District. I see I made an egregious error.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman to close on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, may I ask Senator Johnson a question about his policy.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Does it not say this? The Department of Public Welfare shall establish the residency or legal settlement requirement....

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...for eligibility for public assistance from the state and eligibility for medical services furnished by the county pursuant to Section 68-104?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Fine. Now does that not give the Public Welfare Department the authority to establish residency?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, it does.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Fine. So all I do is say what he said on my first amendment was illegal, I strike in there the one year...I am through asking questions...I am closing, because what I am striking says, "The Department shall not require a person to reside in a county or the state more than one year". So on one side he is arguing it is unconstitutional and illegal to say anything about how long they have to reside in a county and now he comes around on the other side and he says it already says that that they can set the residency. So the only thing I am trying to do is clean your bill up and make it legal for you,