Senator Johnson, and I would appreciate the rest of the
body to help me to help Senator Johnson's bill so it
won't be unconstitutional. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the adoption of the Haberman
amendment to the amendment. Those in support vote yes.
Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: We are back on the Johnson amendment and
I believe Senator Carsten wanted to talk on the bill or
on the Johnson amendment. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legis-
lature, I would just like to ask Senator Johnson a
question to be sure I understood correctly. As I under-
stood, there are no additional costs to the county under
these amendments. Is that my understanding, or are there
additional costs, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: In my opinion, Senator Carsten, there
will be additional costs to the county, in my opinion.

SENATOR CARSTEN: However, as I also understood, the
representative of the County Officials Association has
agreed that they would assume them without any problem,
is that correct?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, they have. Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legis-
lature, just to explain and clarify. This bill also amends
LB 522 or the affect of it is to amend LB 522 which is
on Final Reading. What LB 522 does is takes all the welfare
programs off the county and puts them on the state. What
this bill does is amends that one so that it says the
welfare system...if this bill passes, if both bills pass
the welfare system will be as follows: The state will be
responsible for the entire welfare system in the State of
Nebraska except indigent care for medical persons. The
state will assume responsibility for medicaid and all those
other things but the counties will continue to be responsible
for indigent care. As Senator Johnson said earlier, in-
digent care has not been a large budget item in the State
of Nebraska but it could be and it will probably grow. And