CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 30.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Is there anything further, Mr. Clerk,
before we go to General File?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: The first item on General File this morning
is LB 187.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 187 was a bill that was introduced by
Senator Lynch, Labedz and Lindsay. (Read title.)   The bill was
introduced on January 5, Mr. President.   At that time, it was
referred to Health and Human Services. The bill was advanced to
General File.   I do have committee amendments pending by the
Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President.   (See
page 497 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, on the committee amendments,
please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members.   Lᴜ 187, as
mentioned, does deal with the question of medical indigent
coverage now the responsibility of the counties.   This would
shift that responsibility to the State of Nebraska.   Just to
quickly summarize the committee amendments, or maybe I should
even   start back a little bit, a couple of years ago a study was
done by the Health and Human Services Committee that resulted
approximately two years ago in a study report from a task force
dealing with this topic. Legislation was introduced two years
ago, two different bills.   Both pieces of legislation did not
succeed. We are back with 187 from Senator Lynch and, again,
the question before us is what role the state takes in providing
for the indigent care of our citizens. The original bill did
provide for the complete take-over of the program by the State
of Nebraska.   The State Department of Social Services would have
the   responsibility for administering that program.   They did
come to the committee in a neutral capacity raising questions on
an administrative basis to the bill. The committee did respond
to their concerns and I think meet their concerns in the
committee amendments, so I would ask for their adoption.   What
they call for is, first, changing the scope of medical services
that are provided.   What their intent here is to provide for the

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