

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, your light is on.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, Senator Moore, would you yield to a question? Senator Moore, you serve on the Appropriations Committee and I know you deal a lot with the Medicare and Medicaid payments that we make to deal with the indigent problem. As far as with the fiscal note on LB 187, it's marked at \$12 million, but what you're saying here is that a more true and accurate fiscal note, if you included what the actual dollars that should go toward indigent care, that the actual fiscal note should be in the neighborhood of 32 to \$40 million. Is that what you're trying to tell the body?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I'm not really finding fault with the fiscal note the way the bill is drafted. I'm just saying if you're...the scope of the problem potentially is much more than what this bill has talked about. Obviously, this bill is a cap, I mean, it's capped at 12 million, all you're going to spend.

SENATOR ABOUD: Oh, I see.

SENATOR MOORE: I'm saying the scope of the problem is much more than that.

SENATOR ABOUD: So this is just an unrealistic cap that the sponsors of the bill placed on the bill at this time.

SENATOR MOORE: This is an acceptable cap.

SENATOR ABOUD: Oh, acceptable cap, okay. Well, I suppose that...thank you, Senator Moore. At this time, I'm looking at all the options that are available to the body on spending and I suppose this may cost us a little bit more in the future. Thirty-two to \$40 million is a lot of money, more than Senator Korshoj made last year, right, Frank? Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President and members, Senator Scott raises a legitimate issue and an honest concern. What he quotes from is a study that was done a couple of years ago because most people had no idea what real costs existed out there. Most people still can't define what really is medically indigent. I'll give you an example as possible, you could be making 50,000