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LB 813

SENATOR LINDSAY: I would just urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment to 813. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Landis, Baack, and Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Briefly, Mr. Speaker, if you recall in discussion on health care costs we talked about the need for more data reporting. Senator Baack and I had differences of opinion on the certificate of need bill and I had amendments on to the bill and he and I had a conversation about the need to deal with the cost issue and rather than attempt to amend that bill in a controversial fashion, this is a compromise amendment which would provide for data collection on health care cost on a voluntary basis being collected by the Department of Health. They would then do a state health care cost index, so we we would have an idea of health care cost issues across the State of Nebraska. This would be on a voluntary basis, no mandate, it would come from employers, not providers, and would help us get a handle on this issue. I know that time is short, people are interested in looking at a lot of other issues. But I would like to ask your support for this. We are going to deal with a hundred million dollar increase in health cost as part of our general fund budget. This amendment will cost \$36,000 to allow us the chance to do a health care cost index so we can better identify the cost problem and what we can do about it. I give the rest of my time to Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Wesely has done an adequate job of explaining what this amendment does. We did get together, Senator Wesely and myself and say, yes, we