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SENATOR LYNCH: Well, Mr. President, Chairman and Mr. Clerk, I'd like to ask unanimous consent, if I could, to have permission to withdraw, yeah, and substitute another amendment. Withdraw 1890 for 1934. (The Lynch amendment appears on pages 2598-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Insert 1934?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any objection? So be it. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I'd ask permission to return this bill for this amendment. I don't intend to take a lot of time. We have an awful lot of other important legislation, everybody said that. I'll try to absolutely do it. The only difference between the original amendment that was substituted and 1934 was the section that states that the operative date for the parts of amendment which don't appropriate funds is July 1, 1990 now. May or may not remember that this is the indigent health care bill. Just so you understand, I did support LB 525 after receiving some numbers from the Department of Social Services indicating how the funds would be developed for physicians and for hospitals for the reimbursement for the Medicaid patients. It was obvious that it made some sense to use almost \$4.5 million to have it matched 60 percent with federal funds and accomplish a \$12 million goal. Also the re-establishment of how those funds were distributed made sense to help encourage doctors and hospitals to get involved with Medicaid patients and especially reimburse more appropriately family docs and other kinds of physicians. What this bill does, what this amendment does is to delete, from 187, the indigent health care bill, in the second year, in the second year those amount of dollars that were appropriated in LB 525 for physicians and doctors, and reduces the total amount of money from \$12 million down to 7.2. Also, as you know or can remember, hopefully, LB 44 was passed, I'm not sure what kind of fate it may be eligible for in the process that we all understand around here, but the first part of this amendment clarifies that if LB 44 is enacted into law, there is no conflict between LB 44 and LB 187. Under 44, as you, hopefully, or maybe don't remember, prisoners' medical costs are still the county's responsibility. Under LB 187, they would be the