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LB 813

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I think Senator Smith has the next motion. She is here.

PRESIDENT: You're right this time.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Where is Senator Smith?

CLERK: Just around the corner. Yeah, she just went around the corner.

PRESIDENT: While we're waiting, let me introduce some guests, please, of Senator Lindsay in the north balcony. We have 50 fourth graders from Field Club School in Omaha with their teacher. Would you students and teachers please stand? Yeah, stand up, children...students. Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate your visiting us today.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move that a portion of LB 813 with respect to the Department of Aging, Section 70, become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, you have a handout coming around. I didn't realize I would be up next so I'm a little out of breath, but this is the amendment that I was able to attach to LB 813 regarding funding for what was originally called Community Aging Services Act, program funding for elderly folks. This bill was passed in 1982, as you remember, but it was never funded and what I came in this year with was a request for a third of the amount that we...was in our original request to the Appropriations Committee which was, at that time, one and a third million dollars. I was able to get support for \$400,000 on the floor and the Governor has vetoed it down to \$200,000. I just...I feel this is a very important program. If you will look at the map as it comes to you, you can compare the two maps of Nebraska. The bottom one shows you the existing service development status of Nebraska counties regarding services for elderly development. The white ones are counties where there is presently no community services developed for elderly programs and then you will see also the dark lined ones, the ones that I have with a yellow mark beside,