

who can't, for one reason or the other, care for themselves, then I guess I'm proud to be a blackmailer. I wholeheartedly agree with Senator Schimek's comments that this whole convoluted system of care for the mentally retarded in Nebraska is sadly in need of an in-depth study. There is no reason to have in place in the State of Nebraska a system that it's almost impossible to understand. We can do better. I think that in the debate on this issue is contained a call, a cry for just such an effort to bring the parties together to look at the system we're using now and to find a better, more understandable way. But while we're doing that, let's not forgive those "innocent pawns" in this system. I don't know what the right vote on this issue for each of you is. For me, I could not blackmail my conscience into voting no. I would encourage the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. The question before the body is the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1031. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It appears that we're going...thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Goodrich. (Goodrich amendment appears on page 1331 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment that I'm talking about today is the Automated Fingerprint Identification System. AFIS is the short name for it. This is a computerized fingerprinting system. It takes...this system, in other words, takes a person's fingerprints, converts it to a computer readable system, which frankly is numbers, and can rapidly search thousands of fingerprint files that have been converted to numbers for the