

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lynch, out in boot country, as Senator Landis said yesterday, we have a hospital at Benkleman, Imperial, Grant, Ogallala, North Platte and McCook. Are those hospitals included in receiving any of these funds in this bill?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, sir. If you would look at the exhibit I passed out, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'm looking at Scott's. Is that the one?

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, don't look at that one because that doesn't give you the information you need to answer the question you asked. The one that just was handed you indicates in those counties the percentage of people who are living below the poverty level. However, many of those people that live in those counties, you can see from the population in a percentage of poverty level people in Douglas County, Sarpy County area as compared to Dundee County, which is 16 percent et cetera, how many people wouldn't be able to use this program.

SENATOR HABERMAN: May I ask...or stop you right there and answer a question. What you're telling me then is that in Keith County there is nine people; Perkins County there is 16 people; Chase County there is 17 people; Dundy County there is 17 people; Lincoln County there is seven people, that those small numbers of people transpose over into this \$8 million?

SENATOR LYNCH: Gee, I'm sorry, Senator Haberman, I should have explained it better. If you will look at Douglas County, that says 9.9. See the numbers on the counties don't list the number of people because Douglas County obviously has more than 9 people who are poverty level, under poverty level. That is the percentage of people living in the county who are under the poverty guidelines who are eligible for this medical indigent program.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But my question is, are these hospitals included and are they going to receive some of the \$8 million bucks that is on this fiscal note, yes or no?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, sir. Anybody who qualifies...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, qualification...

SENATOR LYNCH: ...and when...