

looked at, Senator Moore did pass out some of the figures on assets which indicate there are a couple of hospitals in Omaha that have something like \$70 million in assets over liabilities. Also some figures we looked at indicate a profit in 1988 of about \$65 million overall in the state, but I would like to emphasize that profit primarily came from the urban hospitals and not from those rural hospitals and so it's important to understand some of these figures and we could spend a lot of time on this. I don't know that we need to do that. All I'm raising for the record is a deep and abiding concern about the fact that the Hospital Association which is pushing so hard for this legislation seems unwilling to push for any sort of effort whatsoever to deal with the cost problems that we're having in the state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. You know, as I begin my closing I want to reiterate that it's not that I'm questioning that there may not necessarily be, somebody has to pay for these services, yes, and I do acknowledge Senator Lynch's concern about, yes, counties do pick up some of the cost for this and we don't know exactly how much that is and so, yes, to a certain degree money spent here would be money saved on the property tax side, but certainly it's so insignificant in the total scheme of things that that's not a good reason to vote for the bill at least. You know, as I mentioned in my opening, and I say this not to try and drive a wedge in a rural-urban type split, but I think it's important that the body understand that a good share of the money under LB 187 would go to many of the hospitals in Douglas County. Going back to my handout sheet, it's going to hospitals like, you know, look at some of the long-term investment these hospitals are holding. You know, Bergan, 23 million; Clarkson, 77 million; Immanuel, 91 million, Nebraska