

Number three, since after the enactment of this bill DAS is responsible for making the lease payments instead of the present state agencies now doing so, it is necessary to clarify these Sections 68-130, by identifying that DAS will now maintain office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs of the Department of Social Services. And the counties shall pay no more toward the costs of such facilities than it was paying on January 1, 1992. So, DAS felt that under their jurisdiction, whatever the counties, whether it be in Scottsbluff or wherever there is a facility, that lease, whatever it be, would maintain that as of January 1, 1992. So, I ask for the adoption of this amendment. If there's any questions, I'll try to answer them.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Peterson? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, since we got this bill earlier than I thought we were going to, Senator Peterson, if you'd yield to a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Peterson, would you respond, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Just so I understand, this...you used the word it'd freeze, you know, county governments...the county governments costs would never go up? I mean what, let's say whatever reason the rent costs went up, would...would...just in general if the rent costs went up.

SENATOR PETERSON: My understanding in sitting down with Larry Primeau and Ken Fougeron in my office here recently, they said they wanted to just leave it as that for, I would imagine, 10, 20 years probably, because that's what they said they...in the instance at Norfolk rent is two-twelve a square foot. That freezes it, it takes the county that has to make up that much to the Department of Aging, Social Services, Goldenrod Hills and Veteran Service Officer out there where it's in this building. That will be maintained at two-twelve. And it also takes the responsibility...American Disabilities Act to DAS so that they don't have to worry about that also.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess my...I mean, just a concern by...and I apologize, like I said this bill came up a little sooner. I