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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Lynch. Page 1740 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President, members, I want to apologize to some of the members of the Appropriations Committee for not having had a chance to talk to them about this. But this is simply an amendment which says it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Institutions exercise a flexible reimbursement procedure to ensure that the day rehabilitation and residential support services developed during 1991 and 1992 be continued. And that about says it all. There is no A bill attached, and it will cost no money. But there is some concern out there that without this language and the flexibility needed by the Department of Public Institutions that, in fact, there could be some people who are mentally ill and needy Nebraskans displaced. As of today you probably all know and remember there have been at least three studies introduced that would look at how we fund our mental health programs. I think it would be important to help the stability of those that are in need right now, and in fact receiving services right now, that there be some assurance that that will continue until these interim studies are, in fact, fulfilled and other recommendations, if any, may be developed as it applies to funding for mental health and illness. So I would ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will now vote on the Lynch amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Lynch amendment? Have you all voted? Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President, and members, I think a lot of our members are across the hall planting trees or being grateful that somebody else does. And I hate to ask for a call of the house because I know that that's obviously very important, and a city that's been involved in that, of course, certainly does deserve the award. And if four more would show up I could shut