

April 1, 1992

LB 1022
LR 393

Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Moore's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: The next amendment, Madam President, is by Senator Moore, Wesely and Hall. (Amendment appears on page 1814 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Wesely had to go to former Senator Emory's funeral, so I agreed to carry this. And he, along with Senator Hall and myself, introduced this amendment. What it is, is it's basically transferring some money to fund a study by the Legislature and actually relates to LR 393. If you want to look on page 1685 of your Journal that's a joint study between the Health and Human Services Committee, the Revenue Committee and the Appropriations Committee. The study is to look at our problems in a way to address the financing concerns we have in health care in the State of Nebraska, particularly from a General Fund and financial point of view, from the financial end of things. As I've stated time and time again on this floor, this State of Nebraska has some, shall we say, a rocky road ahead when it comes to funding our Medicaid...our Medicaid costs, particularly as mandated by federal government, primarily with federal match rates declining, at the same time utilization is going up. LR 393 proposes that a joint study be conducted over the summer, with those three committees taking part in that. And if you read that, you can see that it's a joint committee, consisting of four members of the Appropriations Committee, four members of the Revenue Committee, four members of the Health and Human Services Committee, and that committee shall work with the Social Services, DPI and Revenue, as well as others concerned with the health care issues. This particular amendment would transfer \$75,000 out of the Department of Insurance cash fund, because obviously it's dealing with health care costs and items like that. There's been, we've done this before, I believe there was a CHIP study, last year, funded this way, as well as an Alzheimer's study funded in past years. This would transfer the \$75,000 out of that fund into the General Fund, increase by \$75,000 the General Fund appropriation to the Legislative