

because I think ultimately this will boomerang back and do some damage to the Legislature for having adopted it, if it is adopted.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Hall, what's the purpose of your bill? I have a question, Senator Hall. He is on the telephone. Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, thank you, Madam President, and members.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What's the purpose, what's the purpose of your bill or your amendment?

SENATOR HALL: The purpose of the amendment, Senator Robinson, is just to say that if an individual is no longer eligible for public assistance, then the counties don't have the burden to pick up any additional costs in the area of public assistance or medical services. So, in other words, the purpose is to say that...to clarify that 455 is not meant to, basically, shift the burden from the state to the counties.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Do you think part of the purpose is to put the pressure on the people so they will conform with what's being brought forth in this, in LB 455?

SENATOR HALL: Well, clearly, Senator Robinson, if they understand that there is not another alternative, if there isn't somewhere else they can go, then, very likely, what will happen is they will be told that. I mean they won't have the county to go to when they have not complied with the state requirements. So it might have that indirect effect, yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So, what do they do, go to the emergency ward at the University Hospital in Omaha? Or do they do like Senator Chambers, they go to the overpass or the underpass, and then shuffle off to Buffalo? What do they do?

SENATOR HALL: I am sure there will, Senator Robinson, I am sure there will be some of both, as there is right now under the