

participation? We will have the opportunity to decide. I can tell you that many of these recommendations came from clients who had successfully exited the welfare system and testified before our Welfare Reform Task Force. A contract is a partnership. Oftentimes, in biblical days, if neighbors needed assistance, the agreement between the two individuals or partnerships was sealed with salt as a symbol to preserve the contract. LB 455 intends to assist families in transitioning off of welfare and to preserve the self-respect one feels in fulfilling a contract. Finally, LB 455 dismantles the system that destroys self-respect, destroys family units and does absolutely nothing to preserve work ethics and responsibility. I will be ready to answer as many questions as I can as we begin to open on LB 455. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Stuhr would like to recognize the doctor of the day today. Dr. Pat Hotovy of York is serving as the family doctor of the day today on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Hotovy, will you stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Crosby. Senator, 805, found on page 1003 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I think I'm on the right amendment. I want to be sure. Yeah, right, okay. I didn't want to start talking about the wrong amendment.

CLERK: I believe, Senator, this is the one...the Impact Study Committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: Impact on the private charities, right. Thank you. I introduced this bill to the Health Committee because I...there are a great many people who are private providers of services to indigent families and to families who have different kinds of problems who were alarmed when they looked at the...and during the last two or three years all through the meetings of the Governor's group and all through the discussions back and forth as to what they wanted in the bill. And they were very alarmed that when...if and when this bill is implemented and is