

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.) 25 ayes, 11 nays on the advancement of LB 889. (Vote appears on pages 1741-1742 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill does advance. Mr. Clerk. I'll raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 455, the next bill on General File, introduced by Senator Bohlke at the request of the Governor and other members. (Read title.) The bill has been discussed by the Legislature. Committee amendments and a series of amendments to the committee amendments have been adopted as of April 10. I do have amendments pending to the bill. The first amendment I have to the bill, Madam President, is by Senator Hall. Senator Hall...Senator, your amendment is on page 1623 of the Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, the amendment that's found on page 1623 of the Journal deals with the issue that we left off on LB 455 and it inserts a new section into the proposal. It's a paragraph, it's two sentences and it reads as follows. It says that it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that Nebraskans have access to quality affordable family planning and health screening services. It is the intent of the Legislature that 425,000 be appropriated to the Department of Health for the purpose of establishing, expanding and enhancing family planning services. As I stated when I opened on the amendment the other day, the purpose behind the amendment is to discuss the, I guess, ability for the Legislature to address welfare reform or the need for it in a little different manner, that being spending additional dollars on family planning so that the likelihood that if welfare is needed by additional folks is limited, if at all possible, through enhanced family planning practices and those being dollars that would be spent by the state. I passed out to you a sheet the last time we talked about this that showed where those additional dollars would be spent. They were structured that way based on the issue of the Department of Health survey that said here are areas of need across the state and it allocated those dollars in those directions and that's where the 425,000 dollar appropriation figure comes from. As you well know, there currently are a number of family planning clinics that are provided for through the Department of Health. This, I believe,