

Senator Wehrbein to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I will just be very brief. As I said earlier, we do have in the Executive Order, we've put into statute, affects the code agencies now as... the noncode agencies as well as the code agencies, gives them, and I've passed that out what will be in the future for procurement of contractual services. That now will become statute and then the rest of these are fairly minor technical amendments except for the correctional's issue, which increases PSL to open a cottage at Kearney and funds accordingly for the 542,000 over the... for the one year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The question before you is the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment to LB 392. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record. There's been a request for a record vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2155 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Wehrbein amendment is adopted. There are doughnuts and rolls being passed out this morning in celebration of Senator Pedersen's graduation this last weekend, so congratulations, Senator Pedersen. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Wesely. That amendment's found in the Journal on page 2076. (AM2069)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely to open on his amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. This is an attempt to better track the Medicaid budget which is, of course, of great concern to the Legislature and has been since we worked on the issue with the task force I think it was four years ago and trying to get a handle on the cost of Medicaid. We focused a great deal on that, on managed care and on making cuts in the acute care component of Medicaid and we also did a little bit on long-term care, as we discussed with that screening program which came up with Senator Bohlke. What... what it seems to me is that to better track what's going to