

February 7, 1996 LB 939, 1141, 1141A

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 939 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You've heard the motion to advance to E & R for engrossment. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. The bill is advanced. LB 1141, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, on 1141, I have no E & R amendments. I do have an amendment offered by Senator Witek. (See AM3072 on page 736 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I wasn't sure that we would get to this bill today. I just filed an amendment this morning, and I will have it passed out by the Page immediately. What this amendment would do is, "On page 2, line 24, strike the 'and' and show as stricken; and in line 26 after 'system' insert a semicolon (;)" and add these two sections. "(10) Report to the Legislature the annual costs of all services provided, including, but not limited to, itemized costs for new employees and contracted services, costs per juvenile served, and annual growth figures for each program; and (11) Recommend to the Legislature cost-saving measures to keep annual growth of all services in line with the rate of growth of the Consumer Price Index," which is a fairly high index to follow, so it's quite a bit more money, "as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics." My reasons for offering this amendment, I was not here when the bill was on General File. That was on a bad weather day and I missed that day, could not get here from Omaha, and I was surprised the other day when we were here that LB 1141A was up. It wasn't passed with 1141. So maybe you weren't aware of the A bill at the time that you passed 1141 forward. But if you read carefully through the fiscal note on the bill, what we are doing is appropriating an additional \$3.361 million. We already appropriated \$2 million two years ago, I believe it was, when 988 went through. I did not vote for it, by the way. It set up a variety of different pilot programs, and it also separated into...OJS, Office of Juvenile Services, out of the Department of Corrections. During a hearing a couple of months ago in