

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes, Senator Jensen, to close.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the body. This amendment does...is primarily intent language to reduce the size of government and also reduce state expenditures along with providing that it should be the states function not to manage, but to facilitate. In Mississippi they recently had a bill that the Governor is backing, it's called "Faith in Families", talking about privatization. Here in Nebraska we have about 16,000 families on ADC. What the Governor of Mississippi has created is that he has allowed churches, other private institutions to actually act as the case managers on some of the...for some of the welfare recipients. And certainly churches who provide nurturing, who provide care, who can also come along side and help with day care or help with financing, help with food all through the private sector. This is just one of the things that I was thinking about when I was talking about privatization. Also the Salvation Army, in other states, have done some of the work for...in the health and human services field as a contractor. Again, privatization. And nowhere in this bill have we addressed that particular item. And so I would like to at least have it mentioned in the bill that we take a look at privatization, that we take a look at saving costs and reducing the bureaucracy and the number of personnel within this agency. We have almost 6,000 employees within this, it's about one-third of the state's budget. It is the largest institution that we will have within our government. And so without having any language within the bill that addresses that, I think we're losing something. So I'd just urge your support in passage of the amendment 3642. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question before the body is the adoption of the Jensen amendment to LB 1044. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Senator Jensen has requested a roll call vote. Senator Wesely has requested the roll call vote to be in reverse order. The question before the body is the adoption of the Jensen amendment to LB 1044. Mr. Clerk, please proceed in reverse order.