

investigating law enforcement agency. There was an informal survey done that indicated that most local departments already do pay for forensic medical exams. Nonetheless, Nebraska is not going to be able to receive funds or participate in the STOP, STOP grant program, under the Violence Against Women's Act, unless the state Indian Tribal Government unit of local government or another government entity incurs the full out-of-pocket costs of forensic medical examinations for those victims of sexual assault, from the Federal Register, Volume 60, Number 74, pages 194 '79 Rules and Regulations. As I previously noted, both the investigating agencies at both the state and local level already are incurring these as costs of investigating crimes, which is really what they are. According to an information provided by the National Victims Center, and I quote, "increasingly, states are enacting legislation specifically providing for the initial up-front payment for the forensic", and forensic, it means evidence gathering, "for the forensic examination of sexual assault victims." As of 1992, and I have no more recent, the National Victims Center was aware of 31 states which had passed this law and, of course, with the impetus from the federal 1994 Violence Against Women Act, I would suspect it would be more closely to the 50 states have gone to this. Now sexual assault covers first degree, second degree, third degree, sexual assault of a child. These state provisions coincide with the Title XVIII, Chapter 109A, which is the federal law used to define sexual assault under their rules and regulations. With that, I would urge you to advance LB 1213.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, there are no lights on. Would you have a closing? Closing is waived. The question is, shall LE 1213 be advanced? All in favor vote aye. Opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1213.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 1213 advances. LB 1213A.

CLERK: LB 1213A, by Senator Pirsch. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 1213A, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. As you will note, LB 1213A has been