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LB 1059

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Mr. President, LB 1059, bill introduced originally by the Health Committee. (Read title.) The bill was discussed on March 25, at that time committee amendments were adopted. There was an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Wesely that was adopted. I do have amendments pending to the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely, would you be so kind as to refresh us as to where we are with LB 1059. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 1059 was a bill introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee to follow up on the study dealing with property tax measures for the state of Nebraska. It would provide for the state to take over a number of health and human service entities now funded by counties. The committee amendments...were the committee amendments adopted? And, I don't believe they had a significant change in the...let me take a quick look here, oh yes, now I remember. The committee amendments dealt with the question of the ability of counties and regions to continue to be involved on a voluntary basis in the delivery of services. They set a date for which the funding would be established for the state to take over. It talked about administrative savings and efficiencies and maintenance of financial support for the programs and services and the involvement of communities and regional representatives in the implementation. That is what the committee amendments did. They were adopted and that is where we are at on the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the bill this evening is by Senator Wehrbein, Floor Amendment 576, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wehrbein to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If my memory is right, this is the one that delays it for one year, '99?

CLERK: Strikes '98, page 3, and inserts '99.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. Thank you. Yes, that is page 1508, it is very simple. This bill simply delays the implementation of