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this. having this out there, knowing that this is where we are headed will help us to design a system that will be as streamlined as we want it to be, that it will accomplish the goals that we talked about. As I said, I think from the beginning, we have said with 1044 we want a system that is administratively lean and reaches out and provides services in a comprehensive fashion where we reduce duplication and waste and where we cut down any extra expenses that we don't need and try to direct into the service side of things to meet the needs of people in the state of Nebraska. The bill is not \$21 million any longer, now it is \$7 million. It is not effective for three years. based on the Wehrbein amendment, it gives us the time to work through the redesign of the system. If you should have second thoughts, if you have questions about how this would be developed, you will have the opportunity to reconsider in the future. But I do think you should send the message out through the advancement of the bill that we want to see this new system as lean as it can be on the administrative side, and as coordinated as it can be so that we can have the very best system for the state of Nebraska possible. With that I would ask for your advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The question...Senator, do you wish to wait for the two senators who are not here yet? Senator Abboud and Senator Lindsay. Here comes Senator Lindsay. Do you wish to wait for Senator Abboud? No. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1059. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I guess I would ask for a roll call vote please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There has been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.) 25 ayes, 13 nays, on the advancement, Madam President. (See page 1738 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1059 advances. I raise the call. The Chair recognizes the Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I just wanted to indicate to the body that