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are two bills that this comes under. There was a joint hearing by the Health and Human Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee. In LB 692, as it was originally passed, it had a 70/30 split for the health centers in the 2nd Congressional District. At the hearing, that language was not included, and I'll have Senator Jensen kind of help me through this, that language was not included this time which meant that it would split 50/50. So that would have meant a reduction in funds for the north Omaha facility, and the south Omaha facility didn't want to be in the position of saying reduce the funds to the north Omaha facility. So at the hearing it was suggested...there were suggestions to put the language back in. We discussed it in committee. Both centers serve a large minority population. One is Hispanic and black and Native American; the other is primarily black. The thought that was discussed there was either...was to make it equitable and provide equity among both those centers. And I have a handout on the number of minorities. The minority health money, when it was allocated, and I'm taking too much of your time so if you want I'll put my light...I don't know if there are any other lights on or not. But I guess to answer your question, it was discussed there and it was also discussed in Executive Session with the press attending this issue a couple months ago.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I will rise to emphasize the point that if we don't change anything right now, LB 407 will give two clinics in Omaha \$700,000 apiece, one clinic in Scottsbluff \$164,000, but there are more restrictions on those funds that go to Scottsbluff because they're not channeled directly to the center. And the extra \$400,000 going to one of the Omaha centers, yes, it was discussed, but it was not in the form of a formal public hearing and there's not a great deal of difference right now. I mean if you want to talk about a formal hearing and the need for a formal hearing, let's discuss last night's activities and the drastic impact that that will have. I urge the reconsideration of FA1360.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Mossey, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Thompson,