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PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a very simple housekeeping bill. It was brought to us by a staff member. The Executive Board introduced it without a public hearing because it sets forth the machinery to accept surplus federal government property at no cost to the state. I sent a copy of some of the material received around to your desk. You have been asking me what it is. It states the University of Nebraska at Omaha. On top, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, as we understand it, has received about a million and a half dollars worth of surplus material and this is just one sheet giving you an example of some of the material that can be received by governmental units. It gives the right to the agencies to set up their own insurance policy to cover the transportation of these surplus materials and it would allow the state and all the state agencies to apply for excess in federal reserve stockpiles of materials and products. I guess everything from a battleship to chalk. Now I don't know what we would do with a battleship but I sure think we could use the chalk. So with that, I would try to answer any questions if anybody has one. Otherwise, I would move for the advancement of LB 998 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Barnett, will you give us a little bit about those insurance policies. They are in section two.

SENATOR BARNETT: Actually, all that insurance policy does...all that does is allow the federal government in its guidelines sets out that you have to cover this material or these products that you are moving with liability insurance. So it allows these agencies to acquire that insurance to cover the moving of the surplus property while it is being transported.

SENATOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, a question of Senator Barnett. Senator Barnett, the transportation costs are borne by the state on any of this equipment that we receive from the federal government?

SENATOR BARNETT: That is right.

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SENATOR BARNETT: They would probably...I am sure they would have to come out of their General Fund appropriation or their budget.

SENATOR STONEY: Okay, thank you.