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Unemployment Insurance Program. However, to get these funds, the states need some very specific language to receive the money. (Laugh) I can hear some comments from some of my colleagues. This is not done like some other federal bills, although there's no sanctions, if we don't do this, we just don't get the \$1.8 million. They want this language in the statute. This amendment represents the very specific language, and would simply encourage the body to adopt this amendment. Nebraska will be able to receive this \$1.8 million if we adopt this specific language. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 608 is my priority bill. I have discussed the amendment that Senator Hilgert has offered. We have studied it. I think it's very advisable. It's an amendment that will bring additional funds to this state in the unemployment compensation area, and I appreciate Senator Hilgert introducing this amendment, and I consent to it and support it and urge its adoption on the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I also rise in support of Senator Hilgert's amendment to 608. This was LB 164, and it was a committee priority bill that we decided was important enough that we ask it to be considered. But I think this is a good move, and it is certainly a bill that should be advanced, just if for no other reason to get those dollars that are...certainly could be used. So I would urge your support of Senator Hilgert's amendment 1174. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR HILGERT: Just briefly. I would appreciate the support of the Chairman and Senator Matzke. It is something of value when someone yields and consents to have an amendment adopted on their priority bill, and Senator Matzke, I appreciate your cooperation very much. Thank you.