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this particular amendment has a fairly simple premise. What it does is it requires that the state, should it create any new computer systems, make sure that those computer systems are capable of being modified so that blind or visually impaired people can use them. In general, state technology is going to be equipped to do this. If you look at your laptops on the floor, they've got Windows 95 as the operating system. That's easily adaptable with a program called JAWS, so that somebody who's visually impaired or blind can listen as opposed to see the words on the screen. This particular amendment makes sure that the state inserts a technology access clause in any future contract, if they're to design some sort of a larger proprietary software system. So it has no fiscal impact on the state and, in the instance that a visually impaired or blind person is working for the state, that person can use technology like the rest of us. With that, I'd yield my time to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Discussion on the Bruning amendment? Senator Bruning, you're recognized to close. Senator Bruning waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2787 to LB 352. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bruning's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Don Pederson would move to amend with AM3073, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1307.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pederson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, this is an amendment that was originally in the form of a bill, which was passed unanimously by the Health and Human Services Committee. You're going to like this bill. It does two things. The first thing it does, it eliminates an unnecessary statute, and the second thing that it does, it allows the deaf and hard of hearing to utilize \$10,000 which is now being utilized for something that is not having much