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department has not had the activity in it that was expected. And so we've taken some money, I'm trying to find that right...the right fund, from some Department of Ag funds to put in...in a temporary, I call it "temporary", it's a one-time transfer of funds to the Livestock Waste Management Cash Fund to fund that. And we've also taken some money in another one in a 5i3 Program. That...that amount is reduced in DEQ so that...of General Funds. So we have a cash...excess Cash Fund. Transfer Department of Ag Cash Fund to the Cash Fund in the DEQ. It takes away the General Fund that we had in there. So it is a savings of General Funds using Cash Funds from one program in Ag to the Cash Fund in DEQ for the Livestock Waste Management Cash Fund. We think it's appropriate because it's ag, it's an ag to ag issue, it's a one-time issue. Senator Beutler has an interest in this. We are pledged to work in the next two years, to try to find replacement funds for the Livestock Waste Management Cash Fund. It's an issue of how high those fees should be based on the amount of utilization that we have in that area, whether there's going to be a lot of activity in that in the future. So we are going to be looking at that over the next two years to find an alternate source; if not, General Funds at that time. But this is a reduction in General Fund for that...for that at this time and it is taken from a agricultural...Department of Agriculture Cash Fund.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening on LB 541A. Open for discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in line with what I had been discussing earlier, there are a couple of things that I have to clear up while we're near in point of time to those issues. I had been talking about striking that loan forgiveness program from the next bill that comes up, and Senator Thompson gave us some information. On a red sheet that covers some information you will find this statement as the second comment below the headline: "Teacher Education Programs". Quote: Of UNL teacher education graduates asked since 1996-97, between 14 percent and 25 percent have gained teaching jobs outside Nebraska. Sometimes you have to look below the surface of statements that seem to say something that might be dispositive of an issue. Nebraska right now is trying to