

and I think it is unfortunate that these funds with this particular budget cut would not go to the specific objective that the Legislature had in mind. So again I think it is only fair that we restore these funds. The Legislature clearly intended when we increased the alcohol taxes last year that we would provide additional services for alcohol programs because those services are vitally needed because we can no longer take individuals who are intoxicated to jail. Now if we refuse to reinstate these funds, then I hope the Legislature will reconsider its position on decriminalization of intoxication because the current system is simply to allow these individuals to stay in the streets, to get in their cars and there is no doubt in my mind that that is one of the reasons that we have increased highway fatalities since we have decriminalized intoxication but we have got to establish a system of detoxification centers around the State of Nebraska if we are going to address this meaningfully. So I hope you support Senator Nichol's increase of these funds which we had loosely earmarked for this specific purpose.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment I had sometime...it seems sometime ago had three adjustments to LB 8. This was one of them, the \$600,000 for alcohol, and as I indicated in the original presentation, there was some funds unencumbered for \$680,000 and I did support the...because it nets out the same. I did support preserving that alcohol fund which I will again do on this but I want to make it very, abundantly clear that you can only use that \$600,000 one time. You can't fund three \$600,000 costs out of the one amount. Secondly, I will also support one at some appropriate time on aging and I will also support adjustment in adult and vocational ed that are not significant fund transfers in both cases. I would also say while I am on my feet that there should be some amendments made on Select File which will make some adjustments reflecting transfers within agencies between programs which they have indicated would be desirable in order for them to accept those three percent cuts. At some point those things have to be done. But this specific amendment and the two others I mentioned I would support and do support but I again caution you cannot use the money more than one time and I think it is appropriate to use it here.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I support Senator Nichol in his effort. If you remember a few years ago when