

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move the bill be advanced. This is a bill that was, as indicated by the Clerk, introduced by the Speaker on behalf of the Governor which permitted the...the transfer from the Employment Securities Special Contingent Cash Fund to the Nebraska Technical Community College Aid Cash Fund. What that says is that in the...this contingency fund in the Department of Labor, which has been there for a number of years and it's the area where interest and fines are accumulated by the enforcement regulations of the Department of Labor which has some very limited uses as to which it can have...can be used for. And this legislation is...will then do what was done a year ago, in fact, which transferred a portion of this money to the purpose of job training of new businesses coming into the state and providing assistance to those new businesses in developing new personnel for a new plant or plant expansion. And there is then appropriated from the...this fund for next year an amount of 400...about 150,000 General Fund in the case of the committee, 300,000 Cash Fund in the committee amendment which is contained in LB 813. The full 450,000 is taken from this fund which has a balance of in excess of a million dollars. And so that we're not depleting it all at one time, it will be funds to carry on for some period of time. But the legislation itself is solely the necessary legislation to transfer money from this fund that's been long established over to the Community College Aid Cash Fund for job training. I think Senator Moore and Senator Wehrbein may have some additional information on the details of the purpose of the money.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, as Senator Warner explained, this is basically a Cash Fund transfer from a fund that the...it's the Employment Security Contingent Fund and what that fund is it's, like Senator Warner explained, late payments on unemployments payments and penalties and things like that. That fund has accumulated. It's been accumulated to over \$2 million, actually, is the information that I have and there has been for a variety of, I guess, for at least the last couple of years there's been some question on just what exactly those funds can be used for. And, as a result of an in depth study this summer, it was discovered, I guess, you could say discovered that you could use these funds for some...for some of