

of computerization of the state colleges, the university is something I think the State of Nebraska needs to move forward on. Library automation and...hopefully is the first step eventually academic computerization. I think that it is important that we take a small step, or look before we leap at least, and look and see how we spend our money on all these computer type activities that we are doing in higher education as well as the computer platform in LB 814. I think it is important that we see how all these things tie together so we can get the maximum output for our dollar and the dollars that we spend in the area of computer. I hope it is, based on my own personal observation I think it is important that we do this now, be ready to come forth next year or if not next year at least the biennium and move ahead with the computerization of our state colleges and our University of Nebraska as well as what we have to do on our community colleges because obviously this is the type of thing that we must do in the future for Nebraska institutions of higher ed to keep up. Besides, this is only \$25,000, I think we should do at least that, to see how it is we can best spend our money and I'll be fully supporting the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you Mr. Speaker, members of the body, just a brief comment to go on record in thanking the Appropriations Committee for their patience and understanding in this matter. I think the \$25,000 for the consultant is a move that certainly I can support. As Senator Moore and Senator Wehrbein have said, the consultant basically will kind of fine tune the plan that has been presented in LB 770 and also begin to look at to make the question of integration and to the other systems that are currently underway. I think then next year we will have a much better view and a much better understanding of how best to fit the state college library automation system into the existing program so those that are being built, it gets us on the way, it gets us started on phase 1 and I appreciate the Appropriations Committee's work on this particular matter. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, any closing comment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, Mr. Speaker, unless there is further questions, I move adoption of the amendment.