

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Wesely. Senator, I have a note you want to withdraw this one, is that accurate?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Lindsay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, the amendment I have deals with the Library Commission, it would add to LB 813, the library's budget, \$250,000 in each of the next two fiscal years. The amount would be distributed in three separate areas: The Library Systems would receive \$105,000 of that appropriation and that would be divided into the six regional systems, the six regional library systems, the Panhandle, Northeast, East, Southeast, Republican Valley, and Meridian, which is the central Nebraska region and to the urban library systems arrangement that coordinates the cooperative services between Omaha and Lincoln. It would also approximately, one-half of the amount would go to the public libraries, to be given to the library systems on a per capita basis with each library in the state qualifying for a minimum of \$500 regardless of the size of that library. The remaining funds would be used for the state resources library. The state resources library is...would be the 50 major libraries in the state to...which contribute to joint cataloguing and it would be used to develop a central data base for cataloguing of the books. It is also provided, excuse me, also provided is the ability to...for larger libraries to make loans of their resources to some of the smaller libraries. Regarding the funds that would go to the library systems, some of the uses of the money that would go there would be to for inner library loan and reference programs for personnel training and for rotating library collections, demonstration projects and for support services for academic and public school libraries. The library did receive an increase in their budget this year, the Library Commission did. It did not reach what, anywhere near what their request had been. This...these funds, I think would be well used going to the Library Commission. I think it is important that instructional materials, education materials, library materials be available for students, for children and adults in our state. I think it is a good use of the funds and I would