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SENATOR SCOFIELD: The amendment I'm substituting is identical except for those four precious little words, "and there is hereby appropriated", I guess there are five words, which were left out in the original draft and we all remember what kind of trouble you get into if you don't put those words in. My amendment simply says that the State Treasurer is directed to transfer \$146,250 from the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Cash Fund for July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990, and \$72,760 from that...from the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Cash Fund for July 1, 1990 to 1991, to the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska IANR Program 799, to carry out provisions of LB 761. Any unexpended balance at the end of that time shall be returned to the Cash Fund. And Section 2 makes an intent statement that there will be a memorandum of understanding between the Department of Environmental Control and the University of Nebraska IANR regarding how the university will account to the department for the expenditures. That may be unnecessary, but I want to make it absolutely clear that we want to know how those funds were used and if, in fact, it was proper. The Section 3 talks about it is the intent of the Legislature that the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska shall utilize funds transferred from the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Cash Fund to provide services to local monitoring committees for both preoperational and postoperational monitoring, testing and other services required by Legislative Bill 761, and that's all it does. And I think that could head off some problems next year and, again, as I mentioned, primarily, my desire here is to head off the possibility of Conservation and Survey coming in for a deficit appropriation. I think it's only appropriate that any services, in fact, be paid out of Cash Funds and, because of the ambiguity that is apparently still there that Senator Schmit cites, I think this is just prudent that we take care of this right now and I would ask you to return the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And, Senator Scofield, I'm going to ask something as well. I know the hour is late. We're rapidly approaching the bewitching hour, but the noise level is just too much. I ask you to cooperate, please. Discussion on the motion to return? Senator Warner. Senator Ashford. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, LB 761A was introduced, and you all have on your desk a letter which I sent