

SPEAKER BAACK: About three minutes yet.

SENATOR WESELY: Good. Then I'll...and I'll be happy to answer anybody else's questions, but I'll give Senator Smith a chance to ask me...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Wesely. I would just like to ask a couple of questions to make sure it's perfectly clear from what you said to me, but I want to make sure that everyone in here has the same understanding that I think I have at this point. You're saying that the money is already there. It's been being utilized in those other kinds of services and now the money is, as you said, laying on the table. It's there, it's available. They switch it over with an agreement between themselves and the Department of Education, now they can use it as a match, bringing in a lot more money.

SENATOR WESELY: And it comes right back to them only this time there's four times as much.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. And there are no new dollars involved.

SENATOR WESELY: No new dollars, no additional...

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR WESELY: ...dollars.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: If anybody else has any questions I'd be glad to answer them. I can't see where the State of Nebraska loses on this effort. I am absolutely convinced it's the right thing to do. I ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, when this issue was in the Appropriations Committee, I brought the issue up and was trying to get the Appropriations Committee to