

need to keep this in mind as Mebraska, I think, fulfills its obligation to the local entities, never knowing where we might have a disaster strike, and I would urge your support of this amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to speak to this?

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Just briefly, I support the amendment by Senator Moore, which helps relieve some of the disaster situation that has occurred up in Sioux and Dawes County, particularly up in Crawford on the water system and what have you, and I did want to point out that one of the things that became evident to the committee was that when the state has been up for the 25 percent match, it was difficult for anyone to remember a time where we actually did 100 percent of the 25 percent. Many times it was 12 1/2, 12 1/2, meaning 12 1/2 state and 12 1/2 percent locally financed. But because of some of the areas out there and because of the situation that many of those areas are in that they cannot meet that local level, the committee felt it important that we do what is necessary for the people in those areas to get through the disaster, because after all, if we can't help our own people in disaster, I don't know what we are good for. So, at this particular point, I think the committee's proposal not only is a good proposal, it makes sense, and it simply is good for Nebraskans, period. They need to know that we are going to be there when disaster hits, and I'd urge the body to support the Moore amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The next speaker, Senator Lamb.

**SENATOR LAMB:** Mr. President and members, I also rise to support this amendment. I think this is certainly a worthwhile use of state funds, that this is the sort of thing that should be first and foremost in the budget because of the devastation that has been wrecked on that community, and we know that could happen to our communities. And that community, in particular, is certainly not able to recoup the losses on its own. So I think this is certainly a worthwhile amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Hillman.

**SENATOR HILLMAN:** Mr. Chairman, I also would rise to support the