

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I think we did qualify for FEMA funds and I think that the community had to come up with the additional money but I am not going to claim sour grapes here and not vote for this because I will, but what I am hoping in the future, and as Senator Wehrbein mentioned, we are in the midst of our most dangerous period of time in the weather, and tornadoes are rather prevalent in Nebraska and I am hoping that in the future we will treat every community the same. If we are going to fund fully for this particular case, I am hoping we will do the same to the other communities who will encounter losses to the weather, to nature, because I know that tornado and those two floods were very hard on the community which I lived in. We lost a substantial amount of property which had to be replaced and, you know, I would like to see us treated equally, if that is the case. As I say, I am going to vote for the amendment, but in the future, I am hoping that we will make sure that everybody is treated the same way. And, Roger is correct, I think we are in the midst of a very turbulent season and there is no question that more damages will occur as we go along. This just happened to occur at a time which we were in session, and I am hoping that we will remember that in case something else would happen before we adjourn, or as we come back next year and deal with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I am closing? Senator Johnson raises a good point which, indeed, concerns me as well. And as I mentioned, that the two large scale disasters that qualified for FEMA, at least in the last 15 months, have been a 12.5 percent match, whereas in this case, at least, the funding is there for the full 25. And if, indeed, like I said, the Governor makes that decision. So if the Governor makes a precedent decision to fund the full nonfederal match, I would be concerned about how the Governor is going to continue that pattern in years to come. But, nevertheless, that is not our decision to make. If you, indeed, adopt this amendment, it is, as I said, 2.2 million, almost \$2.3 million, and the Governor will have the discretion to go up to that amount, but I certainly would hope that the Governor not feel bound to do the