

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment is by Senator Coordsen. Senator, I have a note on your first amendment that you wish to withdraw and offer instead AM1905?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, that is right.

PRESIDENT MOUL: No objections, it is so ordered.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This amendment is introduced on behalf of the community colleges. It appropriates \$39,500 from the Nebraska Technical Community College Aid Cash Fund which gets its money from previously enacted statute from the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund. A little bit of history on this, this particular fund has been used from time to time over the past for appropriations to the Department of Economic Development for job training activities, and a continuing series of appropriations to the Nebraska Technical Community Colleges Association for job training activities. In the past biennium, we appropriated \$450,000. Because of a rapidly depleting fund of the aid, of the appropriation, that is contained in the budget this year is \$300,000 plus \$150,000 additional funding to the Department of Economic Development for some of their activities. So I think the groundwork for precedent for this transfer has been laid. I handed out to you an explanation of the programs that are intended to be aided by this appropriation. I would break down for you the use of the appropriations, it's a one-time appropriation, 12,000, 14,000, pardon me, \$500 dollars will go to fund a microwave link at Western Tech Community College at Scottsbluff. This will allow West Tech to tap into the NEB*SAT facilities that are at the hospital in that particular area. Then it goes on further to include a one-time appropriation of \$14,500 for West Tech and...\$12,500, pardon me, for West Tech, and \$12,500 for Mid-Plains Technical Community College to provide for the person to train the staff of those two campuses in using the program. I think that it is quite important that we provide this assistant because it will filter through the first effort that this system is going to be used in the Rural...in the Rural Health Education network. It will allow an expansion of the educational opportunities, and the training situations for people that are working in the field of health care and need to try to achieve either continuing education or basic education in