

questions and would move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do have a couple of questions, if I may, Senator Kristensen. As I hear you explaining the amendment, it has to do with Kearney State and a particular project and I can see that part of the amendment raises the allowable funding from 300 to 370 thousand dollars, but that's not the part that concerns me. As I read the other language in this amendment, the authority given to the state colleges under the Renovation and Land Acquisition Fund is dramatically changed to allow them to do additions and new construction as opposed to renovating old buildings and the limitations, if I'm reading this right, the limitations with regard to the term of leases and other controls that have been put in the statutes were basically eliminated for all projects in the future and maintained only for those that are already identified in section (a) of subsection (2). Is that essentially correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I don't think that is correct. I think that is for this project specific and what this allows them to do, and Senator Moore might be able to talk about the intricacies of how this project, but this amendment is only project specific so it isn't making huge changes in those areas in terms of the lease-backs and so on, but I think Senator Moore's probably a more appropriate, in terms of the funding and how that money switches from project to project.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, Senator Moore, if I may?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, would you respond please?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The phrase I'm concerned about, Senator Moore, is the phrase on lines 16 and 17 of the first page of AM1703, which seems to set aside projects identified in subsection (2), and then that language reappears on the next page and the clean-up of or the amendment of 85-323, and perhaps I'm reading it wrong but I'm just worried about the fact that it seems to open up the terms or conditions of the use of that fund, generally speaking.