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else it's \$1.50, it maintains that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...that part.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend Senator Peterson's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I have passed this amendment out. It's AM3465 to LB 1241. This is essentially LB 1166, a bill that I had a hearing on back in, I think, February. This simply allows the School for the Visually Handicapped and the School for the Deaf, one in Nebraska City, one in Omaha, to be able to lease or rent their facilities out if they are not being used at those schools. At this point in time there is additional space in Omaha at the Nebraska School for the Deaf that could be utilized. I've had this bill in before and we were not able to get to it in previous years. It's a bill that would help us utilize the space that we have available in either one of these two schools. I decided to amend it into this bill thinking it is very selective for these two schools, for these two purposes. It should be...it is agreeable at this point, as far as I know with DAS, I have consulted with them and Senator Peterson. It's not my intention to necessarily widen the scope of this bill because these...the Department of Education has these two schools in which they are in control, and they need to have control over who they lease or rent their space to. In other words, it needs to be an appropriate use. And if that space is available, I felt that it was appropriate that they would be able to lease that out and also have access to those funds that were there. It is an issue that seems to make sense to me, because if we could utilize this space, gain some returns on this space for...if it is not being used for the purposes for which the schools were established, that this makes sense. The Department of Education would do a careful screening of potential tenants and have a developed...a carefully composed lease agreement that would focus on the needs of both parties. I would have no problem with a consultation