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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, members, my amendment to this is one that I think is fairly simple and directly related. As you know, in 1990 Senator Schmit introduced LB 987 which created the state Recycling Management Act. That bill brought the State of Nebraska into the forefront of responsible management of government waste materials. Last session, Chairman Johnson improved the funding of the state recycling program with LB 429 by allowing 15 percent of the proceeds from the sale of surplus property to be deposited in the resource recovery fund. This session, I offer this amendment and the intent of it is designed to transfer responsibility for the state recycling program from the Policy Research and Energy Office to the Department of Administrative Services. The reason for this change is a result of practical considerations in administering the program. Another goal of this legislation is to hire a coordinator as a state employee rather than as a contractor. The purpose of this is to change...of this change is to provide stability for a program that has undergone substantial turmoil during the short duration. I passed out a summary sheet for you that points out the present scope of the recycling program and if you turn it over, the future scope. This is all handled through a transfer of funds and so there is no...no new cost. And I would urge your adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Bohlke? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Bohlke? Waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bohlke's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Landis. (The Landis amendment, AM4176, appears on page 2062 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Is it in the Journal, Mr. Clerk?