

that are approved but the projects that aren't approved so we can evaluate performance under the program. And the final portion of the amendment simply strikes redundant language. Again, it has to do with the report. The report, as provided in the current E & R amendments, would require the report to list the recipients of loans or grants during the previous calendar year. Well, then it also goes on to, in a redundant fashion, requires the identity of each recipient. Well, you've already identified the recipients, you don't need to identify them twice so we're simply striking that language and renumbering accordingly. I hope that is a fair description of the amendment. I will be happy to try to respond to any questions you might have concerning the amendment either in terms of its technical application or the policy considerations that have caused me to sponsor the amendment with Senator Engel. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If Senator Wickersham would just respond to maybe one question, I guess I would just like him to elaborate a little bit on the cost-benefit analysis that has been included within the amendment. And if he would be willing to, what I would like him to expand upon is the difference between inserting a cost-benefit analysis when we talk about state appropriation for creation of jobs as opposed to a cost-benefit analysis for other spending that is appropriated by the state in areas of education, public assistance or any number of other areas. I'm wondering if there is a distinction that emphasizes the need for this in the area of job creation that is not needed in other areas?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, I will be happy to. And, Senator Maurstad, I do believe that it's necessary because when we're talking about incentives or special considerations that are designed to produce a particular benefit, a particular benefit as opposed to the generalized benefit of educating all the citizens of the State of Nebraska or providing for the welfare and health of all the citizens of the State of Nebraska, when our objective is to provide a particular benefit, such as the