

the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein, is your AM1906, Senator. It's found on page 1923 of the Journal.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This, frankly, is an amendment that the Appropriations Committee is making an adjustment within the committee amendment as we presented it. Originally we had allowed the state college budget...we had not allowed the state colleges to keep their Cash Fund from tuition. And we discovered, after we had made the initial printing of the budget, that we had been very severe, if you will, on the availability of cash...of the funds that they needed to spend out of their Cash Funds. And what we have done early is replaced their General Funds...we had replaced their Cash Funds, replaced their General Funds with Cash Funds out of the tuition. And so we discovered that this was a little too severe in the second year. This amendment that has been...has this been passed out? It's printed in the Journal, I guess, is all, 1923, purports to transfer the increased amount of money to the...from the...allow General Fund money to flow back to the Nebraska state colleges to replace the tuition loss the second year and proposes to take the money from EPSCoRE, which is divided at this point between the University of Nebraska and the Department of Economic Development. The University of Nebraska had not requested this in their initial request. We had, as a committee, decided eventually to put that in, splitting it between the Department of Economic Development and the University of Nebraska. We decided, as a committee, to take half of this out of the University of Nebraska and seeing as how it is a matched issue in each 325, in both DED and UNL, we took 162,500 out of each budget. So this purports to...this amendment will reduce the EPSCoRE funding by 162,500 in both DED and the University of Nebraska Lincoln, which is a research initiative, and then allows a little bit more money to that, 424,000 in General Funds to go to the Nebraska state colleges to replace their tuition, what we had originally allowed in Cash Funds for tuition for them to spend. Little bit complicated. I hope you got it explained to your satisfaction. Are there questions?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. For discussion on the Wehrbein amendment, Senator Robinson, did you want to speak