

in terms of maintenance, so those dollars have grown and I'm not exactly sure and maybe Senator Wehrbein can address what they had taken, but the last figure I had I think they had about 800,000 dollars in the Cash Reserve Funds that are available. I looked at this and I voted for it. I thought it was very important that we have this. We don't have one of these machines, both the computer and the printer, in Nebraska is my understanding. I think it's an important tool we need to educate. With that, I have proposed and what this amendment does, instead of adding new dollars to the budget, being conservative as I am, I think it's appropriate to ask to utilize dollars in-house and that this small amount, it definitely isn't going to affect. And that would equate to 23,350 dollars for the purchase of equipment and about 14,100 dollars for training for the next year. Then they can come back in a regular budget cycle to the Appropriations Committee and present what will be needed on an ongoing basis. So, basically, what the amendment does is utilizes Cash Funds that are in-house for this and this process. That way we're not adding to...new dollars to the budget. And I will relinquish any of my time to Senator Schimek.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, like a lot of...or unlike a lot of amendments on the floor today, I think we can dispose of this one fairly quickly. I support the Avery amendment. All we're doing here is just we're going to take this out of Cash Funds rather than General Funds. The amount stays the same. We still have the computer. We still have the training. So I would just encourage everybody to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I support this. It takes it from General to Cash. There is adequate Cash Fund. It is an appropriate expenditure out of the Cash Fund and so I think it's appropriate. We did spend some of the Cash Fund. The Cash Fund does run fairly high for many of the schools as a reserve and for necessary expenses that may be unforeseen so they tend to build up. About every so often we do take some. We took 7...approximately 75,000 this year for, can't remember, upkeep repairs I believe it was. And so this is appropriate to