

catch up. I want to give you an example here with cigarette tax allocation. You know there's about 13 cents or something out there, I guess, but we're only really talking about 9 cents of that, or 7 cents of it actually. What we have now is something called NCCF, that's the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund. Right now most, not all, of the cigarette tax funds are going into that particular...that particular fund. At the present time the 309 Committee is getting about 5,200,000 or something like that from General Funds, that's what we have to spend this year to meet what we can of that 270 some million dollar obligation we have. Under LB 1190, and this is why I have mixed emotions and I want to, especially you folks from the 309 Committee, 'cause we haven't had a chance to talk about this, and I apologize, we were going to have a meeting the other day and then I got messed up and I...but we do have to get together and talk about this in a little more detail. But under LB 1190, in 1997 and '98, 7 cents equates to \$9,400,000, and under this Information Technology "Infrastructure" (sic) Fund they would get 2 cents of that a year, until the year 2001. I want to point out that's about \$2.5 million or so a year, 2.6. That would leave the 309 Committee with...309 responsibilities of about \$6.7 million. And the way the bill is written it would be earmarked to be transferred from the NCCF to in fact the Building Renewal Fund, which is 309, and that's good, that's good, providing we get authorization from the Appropriations Committee, whoever is serving on the Appropriations Committee, to spend those cash funds and that tax. But I'm fearful, for example, that maybe that might not happen, somebody else might come along with another wonderful idea or unmet need and they would be used for something else again. So I offered this amendment simply, hopefully to help you understand if you did understand I apologize for boring you and taking your time. But if you are like me and did not understand exactly how it worked, or how it would work if 1190 were successful, where we would stand with our building renewal responsibilities. Ultimately, in the year 2001 and '02 there will be 9 cents available for building renewal, and that's going to amount to about \$12 million. And if I understand LB 1190, the possibility exists that as those commitments for cigarette tax money run out, that money will be automatically transferred to, without stopping somewhere else along the way for another important and at the time timely unmet financial need, it should go right directly to the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. But even the bill is written that it should do that, there's no guarantee