

misspeaking may not have been as material as it would otherwise be. I think Senator Wehrbein immediately came to my rescue and has an amendment that will come up a little bit later so that we'll be a little bit closer to what I expressed as intent in those conversations and what...in response to Senator Cudaback's questions. Perhaps should have been a little bit more careful, but there is language in the bill that now actually requires continuing appropriations beyond this year's appropriation. And Senator Wehrbein will correct that language subsequently with an amendment. So I apologize to Senator Cudaback and to Senator Bromm if I created any confusion in their mind between what the bald language of the bill is, if we take the time to read it, and what we thought it should say. I think Senator Wehrbein will correct some of those problems, and I'm grateful to him for saving my bacon in that regard if the body adopts his amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Just briefly. I share some of Senator Janssen's feelings about the cigarette tax money, just to start with, because we tax a group of people who smoke. I never have smoked, but it does seem like every time we...I know it's a tradition that we use that money for buildings and so on. But here we are again figuring out a way to use the cigarette tax. When it comes right down to it this problem affects everybody in the state, this computer problem. The computers are used for the services for everybody in the state. And I just bring up my penny sales tax again, and people are going to think I want a penny sales tax raise, I don't necessarily, but we will not come to grips with the fact that if we need money for all of these things we're going to have to find a source. We can't keep raising the tax on the cigarettes and/or snatching it away from 309 Committee. Back in the seventies, when I was on UNL campus a lot, at that time Burnett Hall was sort of falling apart. I think it's...I don't know if we've ever begun to do anything about Burnett Hall, probably Dan Lynch knows. But that's 20 years ago now and we still have not done...we haven't been able to come up with the money, even with this pot of money that we're supposed to have in the 309 Commission, from the cigarette money, we are not keeping those buildings up. There's a lot of buildings down at Peru State that need money for that campus. I've been to so many of those campuses and they really have a lot of problem,