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Those opposed say nay. It is advanced. LB 608.

CLERK: LB 608, Senator Smith, E & R amendments, first of all.
(AM7085, Legislative Journal page 1010.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R
amendments to LB 608.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question before the body is the adoption of
the E & R amendments. All those in favor say aye. Those
opposed say nay. It is...they are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Hilgert would move to amend. (AM1174,
Legislative Journal pages 1360-1363.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert, you are recognized to open
on your amendment to LB 608.

SENATOR HILGERT: I'll just start coming to this microphone
first, from now on.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I think that would be a good idea, Senator.
Thank you.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This is
AM1174, I just threw it in today. It's basically LB 164, if you
want to look at your gadgets. It's a very...it's a department
bill. My good...my good friend, a very respected person,
Mr. John Albin, brought this to my attention some time ago. The
bill was not controversial, it had a unanimous vote, although
two members were absent at the time, Senator Preister and
myself, in Business and Labor. It basically is an amendment
which allows the state of Nebraska to take advantage of Reed Act
funds. The Reed Act is limited, by the Balanced Budget Act of
1997, to \$100 million in distributions. The Reed Act funds are
excess federal unemployment tax collections that the federal
government is attempting to return to the states. And
Nebraska's share of this \$100 million is \$600,000 a year, for
the next three years, for a total of \$1.8 million. These funds
can only be used for the administrative action of the Nebraska