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the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 12 ayes, 30 nays on the adoption of Senator Bruning's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I have a number of lights. I'm going to go to those for advancement. Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I wanted to ask Senator Wehrbein a couple questions about...and I am in the budget, I think it's...Senator Wehrbein, it's on the bottom of page 85. To give you a little background, LB 1108, I believe, passed in May of '97, stated intent to appropriate \$250,000 annually, through Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and these funds were to be used at the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources for research on E. coli. Last year was the first appropriation of \$250,000. Senator Wehrbein, is it or was it the intent of the Legislature that these funds be matched by industry groups, producer groups and so on?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Raikes, thank you for the question. I would say that it was not in the bill that it was the intent, but I do think there was an understanding that there would be industry money come into this from various and sundry sources, probably...but it was not in the bill to make it a direct, one-for-one contribution, but it was implied that there would be. And I think there was verbal assurance that there would be. I would say also, if I may expand just a little bit, it was also including University of Nebraska Med Center, which I understand is doing some of the research, too, in addition to INR.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Now we have completed one year of an appropriation of \$250,000. To what extent, do you know, are these funds being matched?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I do...I do know that there has been \$248,000 put in the first year by the industry, and there are several others pending, from Pork Producers, Beef Council, and