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because we lose track of those in the budgeting process. We never quite seem to know how much they cost or provide for annual reviews of the programs. And we're very glad that Senator Matzke and others believe that the approach we've taken in this bill is appropriate in this instance, because this will become an item in your budget. It will be subject to reviews by future legislatures, and will have to take its place in a list of priorities with other issues. But again, the committee amendments reflect two concerns from the Revenue Committee; one, that we target an incentive to children where there are difficulties in obtaining adoptive parents, wards of the state of Nebraska; and, secondly, that we make this a program that is not financed by credits or tax credits, but is explicitly a budget item so it can be set in the scope of priorities with all other items on a biennial basis. That is the gist of the committee amendments. Senator Matzke has an amendment to the committee amendments which is appropriate in all respects. It makes some substantive adjustments, but they are appropriate for the administration of the proposal, and in part they are purely technical. So, Mr. President, that concludes my introduction of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Senator Matzke, I had an amendment, Senator, AM0620, with a note that you want to withdraw that particular amendment, Senator.

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct, withdraw that, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Matzke would move to amend with AM2059, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 360.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 482.

SENATOR MATZKE: The amendment to the committee amendments is strictly technical, requested by the department. It states...it moves up the starting date of this bill from 1999 to January 1,