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the major amendment to the bill, which is another bill that was heard this year from Department of Administrative Services and fits very well into this particular bill, so if you'll just follow along with me. LB 654 talks about the terms "materiel administrator" for the Department of Administrative Services and recyclable materiel replacing the "purchasing agent" of the state of Nebraska, and refuse, respectively. These changes comport with current and common usage. Secondly, the prohibition on making direct market purchases is lifted for facilities located within Lancaster County. In the past, when Lancaster County facilities were on a single delivery route for materiel it was more cost efficient if those facilities did not make direct purchases. Now that vendors deliver directly to facilities, there's no reason for the prohibition. Thirdly, the Department of Administrative Services will charge an administrative fee for the distribution of surplus property. This change codifies the existing procedure whereby DAS receives a 7 percent fee on the sale of surplus property. The rest of the proceeds on a surplus property sale return to the General Fund of the agency selling the surplus property. Next, the Task Force for Building Renewal is permitted to use money collected as a depreciation surcharge on existing revenue-generating buildings for their renewal. Since 1997, the depreciation surcharge money was subject to a five-year waiting period. That waiting period is inappropriate, however, for existing buildings with current renewal needs and should be eliminated. The time frame of the state's comprehensive capital facilities plan changes from four or eight years to six years. A six-year time frame is the standard used by planners in the private sector and by city planners elsewhere. Also, the date on which the plan is submitted to the Governor and Legislative Fiscal Analyst changes from September 15th to November 15th. The additional two months assists the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee in evaluating the programmatic projections and input from state agencies prior to finalization of the comprehensive capital facilities plan. Exemptions to the State Personnel system are clarified to include all personnel of the Coordinating Committee for Postsecondary Education. This change corrects a past omission and treats all the state's postsecondary personnel similarly. And, finally, the length of terms of appointments to the Suggestion Award Board increases from two to three years, and the terms are staggered.