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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment to the amendment would simply provide that we would, for today, on General File resolve this issue with regard to the \$2 fee and the \$500,000, which it raises annually. We would resolve this issue by providing that Senator Chambers' amendment will not take effect until January 1 of 2007. That will allow the implementation of the bill by 2005 and the transition use...transitional use of the monies and the issue can be readdressed. I was motivated to offer the amendment to the amendment because I believe very, very strongly in this bill and I know that others who are participating on both sides of these questions believe strongly in the bill. I think this is a very important piece of forward progress for law enforcement in the state of Nebraska. This will solve many problems involving providing...having sufficient officers available for smaller communities for our rural areas to avoid some of the poaching, or whatever the right word would be, of officers from one department to another, and I...I simply, when I realized that we were struggling with how to have forward progress here and how to go forward, I wanted to try and be constructive and offer something that would work for everyone. It is my understanding that Senator Pedersen, as the sponsor of the bill, and Senator Chambers, as the author of the amendment, will both support this compromise. After all, a lot of things can happen between January and...between now and January 1, 2007. I believe this is a reasonable compromise, will allow us to achieve all the positives of LB 994, and we can talk about funding issues after 2007 at a different time. I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, and then the amendment by Senator Chambers, and then the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. For discussion on the Brashear amendment to the Chambers amendment to LB 994, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. At this point, I'm going to support Senator Brashear's amendment to the amendment, and then support the amendment, as this bill doesn't take effect, it gives him a