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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Tyson. Senator, I have a note you want to withdraw AM2804 and substitute therefor AM2935.

SENATOR TYSON: Correct, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, it is substituted.

CLERK: AM2935, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1170.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This amendment is at the behest of Nebraska Game and Parks which would like to shift authority within Program No.973, which is entitled "Improvements to Fish Production Facilities." They currently have \$867,000 in a Cash Fund in authority in their reservoir construction account. They would...they do not anticipate needing that, all of that in over the next two years, and they would like to transfer \$200,000 of that, of that authority, to the acquisition of rivers and streams subprogram. Now no...no new funding is being required, only the authority to spend \$200,000 from the reservoir construction subprogram in the acquisition of rivers and streams. Currently, there is no funding in the rivers and streams account and they did not request any funds in the fiscal year 2000-2001. They may have the opportunity to purchase property adjacent to the Grove Lake Fish Hatchery and the Grove Lake State Wildlife Management Area, and that would allow the commission to protect the headwaters of the east branch of Verdigre Creek, which is one of the nine Class A cold water streams in the state of Nebraska, and in the event that they are not able to take advantage of that particular opportunity, they would be used for the acquisition of other streams or river sites to provide Nebraska sportsmen citizens with access to fishing opportunities. If there is any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Debate on the Tyson amendment. Senator Tyson, you're recognized to close.