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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Quandahl, you're recognized to open on AM0917.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. This is what I would characterize as a friendly amendment, and I will be handing around some handouts to give you a little bit of background about what it is about. It's a fairly simply amendment and what it does, it involves the area of statutes dealing with abandoned property in the state of Nebraska. As a general rule, if property is not claimed after a period of five years, it's deemed abandoned and then that is turned over to our State Treasurer. What this amendment does is it changes the rules a little bit with respect to a very specific...a very specific situation. Section 1 of the amendment allows the State Treasurer to receive unclaimed property from life insurance companies that have gone a demutualization or reorganization that remain unclaimed after a period of two years. And so, in a nutshell, what this amendment does is it shortens that abandonment presumption period from five years down to two years just with respect to insurance companies that have undergone a reorganization or a demutualization within those previous two years. The State Treasurer has been notified by a firm that's utilized by almost every state to audit large national companies, which would include life insurance company, that there are some funds out there that if this amendment is adopted could result in an abandonment or a deemed abandonment of property that could total \$10 million, which is a fairly substantial amount of money. In these times, the reason why I think that an amendment such as this I guess is important, would be deemed advisable on a bill like this, is it would take advantage of the fact that these companies have already demutualized, that there is some money out there that would be deemed abandoned and we could take advantage of that for the purposes of the state of Nebraska. Section 4 of the amendment creates a separate fund for the State Treasurer that would segregate these receipts and claim payments. It would be presumed that the Legislature would determine how to utilize these funds that would be put into this separate fund after all claims have been paid. It's based on