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request an opportunity to amend LB 46A. First, as you will recall, Senator Dwite Pedersen's amendment to LB 46 was adopted on Select File and incorporated the Interstate Compact for Adult Supervision. The National Institute of Corrections and the Council of State Governments has preliminarily estimated that the fees to...in order for Nebraska to be a party to that compact, would be \$18,000 annually. Probation and parole will split the fees. And therefore, the amendment appropriates \$9,000 to the General Fund for the Supreme Court to pay those fees on behalf of probation, which is under its jurisdiction, and \$9,000 from the General Fund for the Department of Correctional Services to pay on behalf of parole, in order to complete the payment of the compact fees. Finally, the amendment to LB 46A would strike language that limits the use of the funds appropriated from the Probation Program Cash Fund and the Parole Program Cash Fund. This change was suggested by the Probation Administration and the Fiscal Office. It's common practice, as I am informed, that when a new fund is created, Bill Drafters include a clause that does not allow the money from the fund to be used for state employee salaries or per diems. That language is stricken, if you consent to this process, in order to allow probation and parole to spend such funds on personnel, if that be the need that is determined. If the language is not stricken, then probation and parole would be required to engage in securing the services of necessary personnel on a contractual basis. We believe it's a better approach to eliminate the restriction and allow the systems to operate as they most efficiently and economically can. I would urge the return of LB 46A for those reasons. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Further discussion on the motion to return to Select File? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Brashear to close on his motion. He waives closing. The question before the body is the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The motion is adopted. The Chair would now