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LB 407

motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Wehrbein to LB 407. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful; the amendment was adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend with AM1751. (Legislative Journal page 1760.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on AM1751 to LB 407.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. There's several issues in here. I don't think any of them are particularly controversial. One is raise the Cash Fund expenditure authority for the Department of Natural Resources in anticipation of possible grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund. This is a million dollars in Cash Fund appropriations. Another one is the Department of Natural Resources request a million dollars additional Cash Fund expenditure authority for the Soil and Water Conservation program. This is needed to provide for potential funding that may be received from the Environmental Trust to provide additional cost sharing funding for water well meters in the Republican River Basin. Another in Section 2 provides additional Cash Fund appropriation of \$25,000 for the Status of Women. That's privately raised funds. I will have another amendment that raises that to \$50,000 when we get through this explanation. So instead of 25, that will be 50. It's Cash Funds that they have that they need authority to spend as they phase out. And then it increases the salary, PSL only, PSL only, for the Coordinating Commission on (sic) Postsecondary Education. That's in the Math/Science Grant Program for federal grant program administration. And in Section 4 the purpose is to increase the salary limit, PSL, for the Coordinating Commission on (sic) Postsecondary Education, Program 640, which is for the agency operating budget; two PSLs that needed to be