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personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Engel, Senator Mossey, Senator Friend, Senator Price, will you check in, please? Senator Wehrbein, will you check in, please? Senator Schimek. Thank you. Senator Mossey and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Smith, how did you want to proceed? You already had a machine. Roll call vote has been requested. The question before the body is FA1360 to AM1884. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on that question.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1781.)
20 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful; FA1360 was not adopted. I do raise the call. Back to discussion of AM1884 itself. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am filing a reconsider motion on that last bill. I assume that it's not the body's intent to take something out of General Fund instead of Cash Fund. I'm assuming that that is the case. I rise with a situation that I studied very thoroughly, I debated and want to ask for more information along the way from various individuals as to whether or not this would be a good idea. I realize the situation of the time, and I'm not going to let this one rest. This is a situation where we have the opportunity to make something more equitable and so far I haven't heard a good enough reason why. These are Cash Funds going to some folks in need and for some reason there's some resistance and I haven't heard a good reason. And I think those of you who know my philosophy on fiscal issues know that if I can be more efficient, I'm there. So I don't rise out of mere haste and territory, just because this happens to be in western Nebraska. In fact, there's probably greater need outside my district than inside my district, because this is about all 11 counties of the Panhandle. But like I said, when I campaigned five years ago for the first time elected to this Legislature, I promised that I was going to raise the issue of inequity when I saw it, and I probably haven't been as fired up about an issue as I am now, but I'm pretty fired up, and this is something that we can do very easily so that we can help out some folks in need and carry