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Omaha, other federally qualified health districts more will want money or will want money as well. What are we doing? We've got Columbus, that just became a federally qualified health district, wants money. Panhandle Community Services feels that their dollars are restricted more than what's going to Omaha and they should have some more flexibility so that's where they want this different revenue. And I think Senator Jensen is absolutely correct. We have put ourselves in the position where now we're trying to figure out how do we adjust this. I don't disagree that we need to do a study. I agree that we need to bring those individuals to the table. I think it is, in my opinion and my opinion only, fair to allow that group in rural Nebraska that serves pretty much the entire western end of the state past Lexington the opportunity to have access to these dollars to continue to meet those needs. Not sure where the body is going to be on AM1884. Sounds like there's going to be a lot of opposition to it. I understand that. But if nothing else, if we're going to vote no as a body on AM1884, I think we should do what I believe Senator Jensen has offered and that is let's not do any changes, let's put our shoulder behind it. But having said that, I am still going to be willing to vote for AM1884. I'm hopeful that we can put some of that money out in the rural areas that I think would benefit those citizens, but I will be willing and ready to assist Senator Smith and other senators in the discussion, as well as Senator Stuthman, about how do we treat individuals fairly and how do we provide a system that we can provide equity throughout the state for these dollars. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the reconsideration motion by Senator Smith? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before the body is cease debate on the reconsideration motion. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.